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ABYSSINIANS OFFICIALLY CLAIM RE-CONQUEST OF TEMBIEN



Count Ciano, above, Signor Mussolini's son-in-law, has undergone a successful operation at Naples for nose and ear trouble caused by active service in East Africa.

JAPAN'S TERMS STATED

Virtual Protectorate Over China

SOUTH-WEST LEADERS WITHHOLD OPINIONS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.
The exclusion of the Western Powers from China's foreign relations, the recognition of Manchukuo, the stationing of Japanese and Manchukuo troops in Hopei, Chahar, Suiyuan and Inner Mongolia allegedly to suppress the Communists; and a Sino-Japanese alliance are the terms of the *reprochement*, as offered to China by the Japanese Government, according to a Tokyo dispatch published this morning in the *Canton Daily Sun*.

The Japanese also demand the strict enforcement of the Tangku armistice of May 31, 1933, and the military pact signed last summer in Tientsin between Lieut. General Yoshijiro Umemi, then G.O.C. Japanese troops in North China, and General Ho Ying-ching, Minister of War. Japan bases her military and political activities in North China on these two agreements, but Nanking denies the existence of the Ho-Umemi pact.

DR. HU SUPPORTED

Educational circles here are in support of Dr. Hu Shih's suggestion that the General Authorities should publish the terms of these two secret pacts, so that the Chinese people may know where they stand *vis-a-vis* Japan.

There are no Communists in Hopei, Chahar, Sui Yuan and Inner Mongolia, and their occupation by Japanese and Manchukuoans is likely to be opposed by the Nanking Government.

SOUTHERN LEADERS SILENT
Leaders here have not expressed any opinion on Sino-Japanese relations although the talk of adjusting the issues between the two countries is initiated by Nanking. They will not form any definite stand until they have seen Mr. Hu Han-min, who is due to arrive at Hong Kong from Europe on January 19.

The foregoing Japanese terms virtually make China a protectorate of Japan, in the opinion of political observers here.

ESPLAN CUP IN COLONY

H. W. Rendle, captain of the Hong Kong lawn bowls team at Wansstead, last year, returned to the Colony this morning with the Esplan Cup, which will remain in the Colony until the next competition.

RED CROSS SLANDER AGAINST ITALY

ALLEGED EXPLOITATION OF DOLO INCIDENT

"HONOUR OF ITALY BESMIRCHED"

- CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL

Stockholm, To-day.

Despite the rumours to the contrary the Swedish Government, it is officially stated, has not yet taken any steps in connection with the bombardment of the Red Cross unit. It is generally understood here and is also reported in the paper "Aftonbladet" that the Government's decision as to the eventual diplomatic action it may take will be made only after full documentary evidence has been received.

A Rome message states that the proposals made by the representative of the Red Cross mission at Addis Ababa to the headquarters of the Red Cross at Geneva, that the tents and Red Cross ambulance stations in Abyssinia should be camouflaged, since otherwise they are made special targets by the Italians, is indignantly resented by the Italian Government press.

The semi-official *Giornale d'Italia* designating this proposal as an unworthy exploitation of the incident at Dolo to mislead world opinion into thinking that Italy has purposely violated international agreements and rules.

The Swedish proposal, continues the *Giornale*, is malicious and spiteful and is designed to besmirch the honour of Italy and to create the impression that the Italians fired on defenceless wounded and ambulance staffs. The advisers of the Negus, concludes the *Giornale*, would do better to persuade the military authorities to order the ambulance stations to take up positions at a reasonable distance from the firing line.

COAL DISPUTE IN BRITAIN

Situation Declared Critical

PROPOSALS FOR ASSISTANCE BY GOVT. REJECTED

London, To-day.

The coal owners' offer to the miners in response to their demand for an increase of 2s. per shift in all districts falls considerably short of this amount.

At the conclusion of a three hours' meeting between representatives of the colliery owners and the Mine Workers' Federation it transpires that the largest offer is a 1s. increase in Lancashire, North Wales, South Derbyshire, Leicestershire, North and South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Warwickshire and Shropshire; a 9d. increase in Scotland, Yorkshire and Forest of Dean; a 6d. increase in Northumberland, Durham and Cumberland; a 8d. rise in Somerset; an increase of 12m 2 1/2 to 25 per cent. in the minimum percentage on the basis of the rate in South Wales, with subsistence wages of 94d., and a daily increase to 97d., and in Kent a 8d. increase.

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"ADELAIDE TO ANYWHERE"

Melrose Establishes Air Taxi Service

Melbourne, To-day.

Mr. James Melrose, the young England to Australia flier, is establishing his own air-taxi service with headquarters at Adelaide, using as his slogan "Adelaide to anywhere". It is recalled that Melrose abandoned his last England to Australia flight to take part in the search for the missing Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith. Reuter's Bulletin Service.



For the first time since last May, on the occasion of the war manoeuvres in Northern Italy, King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy and Signor Mussolini were seen together in public at yesterday's ceremony in Rome, at which the King laid a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

POLITICS IN AMERICA

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION

Washington, To-day.

"Whatever may be my platform in the forthcoming Presidential election and whoever may be the Democrats' party nominee, the basic issue will be the retention of popular government," declared President Roosevelt in a message addressed to every citizen on the occasion of Jackson Day, celebrating the defeat of the English at New Orleans in 1815.

HAUPTMANN'S LAST TRY

Desire To Meet Court Of Pardons

Trenton, To-day.

Bruno Hauptmann has asked for permission to appear on Saturday before the Court of Pardons in order to answer any questions the Court cares to put to him.

Governor Hoffman described the request as unusual, and doubted whether Hauptmann would be asked to appear. He added that he had no intention of postponing the execution date.

Reuter.

CHANGES IN U.S. NAVY

Proposed Building Held Up

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Claude A. Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, announced yesterday that the United States is considering the battleship replacement programme, but no action will be taken until the outcome of the Naval Conference in London is known.

The announcement coincides with the news of several changes in the high command of the Navy, including the appointment from June of Vice-Admiral Arthur J. Heppburn, to be Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. fleet, in succession to Admiral Reeves. Reuter.

BRITISH PLANE MISSING

Lost In Exercises Off Isle Of Wight

London, To-day.

A seaplane attached to one of the three squadrons of Royal Air Force planes carried by H.M.S. Force is reported to be missing. The aircraft carrier and ships in the neighbourhood are now searching for the missing plane. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ITALIANS IN FULL RETREAT

BURNING VILLAGES LEFT IN WAKE

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED

Addis Ababa, To-day.

It is officially claimed that the re-conquest of the Tembien district, west of Makale, has been completed. It is asserted that the Italians, who fled without offering resistance, are burning all villages during their retreat. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Addis Ababa: Leaflets in Amharic calling on the population of the northern provinces to revolt against the Addis Ababa Government have been dropped from Italian planes along the whole of the northern front.

These leaflets assert that the Central Government is ruining the economic life of the provinces, raising taxes which only go into the pockets of the Negus. The Addis Ababa Government, it is added, has no right to term itself the Government of the whole of Abyssinia, and therefore Abyssinians are under no obligation to sacrifice themselves for the Emperor.

The first batch of Italian prisoners from the northern front has now arrived at Dessie. The prisoners have made no complaints regarding their treatment, it is stated here. Trans-Ocean Service.

London: News has been received of the opening of a pipeline 46 miles long from Albania to Bologna, through which the Italians hope to convey 1,000 tons of crude oil daily to Italy. The oil concessions in Albania are held by an Italian company, and it is believed that the fields can yield a total of 100,000,000 tons. Meanwhile new refineries are being built in Italy to deal with this tremendous output.

KING AND DUCE TOGETHER

Rome: For the first time since last May the King of Italy and Signor Mussolini have publicly appeared together at a ceremony, at which the war standards belonging to the disbanded regiments were presented to new recruits, and the King placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mussolini wore his favourite uniform of an honorary corporal of militia. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

AIR CHIEF AT ASMARA

Rome: The State Secretary for the Air Ministry, General Valle, who left Rome on Monday by aeroplane, reached Asmara yesterday, according to newspaper reports. Trans-Ocean Service. (Continued on Page 9)

NAVAL PARLEY ENDANGERED

OBSTINACY SHOWN BY JAPAN

INSISTENCE ON COMMON UPPER LIMIT

London, To-day.

Japan's firm insistence on her cardinal demand for the recognition of a common upper limit brought the Naval Conference to the verge of a breakdown and was responsible for sharp exchanges between Lord Monnell and Admiral Nagano.

Opening the proceedings, the latter stated that he was not prepared to discuss other plans of mutual quantitative limitation and a common upper limit were settled. He expressed the opinion that the plans for the exchange of information did not mean quantitative limitation. (Continued on Page 9)

1936 EVEREST EXPEDITION

Great Hopes Of Success

LEADER RECOUNTS HIS PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

His belief that there was more reason for hoping for success in the 1936 Mount Everest expedition than ever before was expressed by the leader, Mr. Hugh Rutledge in an interview with the *Daily Telegraph*. He pointed out that the 10 members had had previous Himalayan experience. The expedition consisted of first-rate men, and it was all the stronger because it was not too numerous.

Mr. Rutledge revealed that he intended to place an additional camp about 400 feet higher and one-third of a mile nearer the summit than the highest camp in 1933. This will be Camp 7, which will be about 12,000 feet from the summit. Even then it might take 15 hours to climb to the summit and back. The climbers will have a maximum of half an hour at the top.

Mr. Rutledge will leave England with the advance party on January 31. The two other parties will follow in February. The expedition starts from Kalimpong on March 20 and hopes to arrive at the base camp on the Rongbuk Glacier the last week in April. Reuter.

BRITISH SEAMEN HONOURED

London, To-day.—The French Minister of Mercantile Marine has awarded Silver Medals of salvage and diplomas to the men of the *Harry Dock* lifeboat for their gallantry in the rescue of the crew of the French schooner *Goeland* in the Bristol Channel last September. British Wireless Service.

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BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1936

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1935.

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- by post.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Chitral (via Suez) Jan. 9
Memnon Jan. 19

FROM SHANGHAI

Jan. 10
Carthage Jan. 10
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 10
Andre Lebon Jan. 14
Sarpedon Jan. 14
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17
Chichibu Maru Jan. 18

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Jan. 13
Philoctetes Jan. 13
Kumsang Jan. 14
Hakone Maru Jan. 17

FROM U.S.A.

Jan. 10
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 10
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17

FROM JAPAN

Jan. 10
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 10
Carthage Jan. 10
Tango Maru Jan. 10
Naruto Maru Jan. 12
Bengal Maru Jan. 14
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17
Durban Maru Jan. 18
Chichibu Maru Jan. 18

FROM MANILA

Jan. 11
Gen. Pershing Jan. 11
Glaucus Jan. 12
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 12
Stuttgart Jan. 12
Kitano Maru Jan. 15

FROM AUSTRALIA

Jan. 15
Kitano Maru Jan. 15

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Jan. 10
Chitral (via Suez) Jan. 10
Carthage (Imperial Service) Jan. 11
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Marchal Joffre (via Siberia) Jan. 11
General Pershing (via Siberia) Jan. 11
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Pres. Cleveland (via San Francisco) Jan. 11
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Emp. of Japan (via Vancouver) Jan. 14
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Andre Lebon (Air Orient Service) Jan. 14
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Jan. 9
Cremer Jan. 9
Carthage Jan. 11

Womens Page

Some Household Suggestions

Curtaining Horizontal Windows

FAVOURITE SOLID COLOURS

Colouring and texture can be as lovely as you please, but the line must be austere—no frills, no net pane curtains, no pelmets even, unless a pelmet (of wood or other solid material) is part of the architectural design.

Have modern fittings, on which the curtains hang perfectly and run to and fro with smooth precision. Anything amateurish in this direction will quite spoil the effect.

Textiles with women rather than printed design suit these windows excellently and horizontal patterns are amusing if you want to emphasise the horizontal line.

Coarse linens, matting weaves, and similar sophisticated rough textures are very good for living rooms—especially in country and seaside houses. When woven patterns are not chosen, favourite solid colours are off-whites, café-au-lait, blue-green, and coral.

Soft printed cottons of modern design are charming for bedrooms and nurseries, while for rooms of a certain elegance there are furnishing satins in the lovely off-shades which suggest moonlight, pearls, and peaches.



The leopard comes in for his share of glory in the annual Winter style show, particularly where sports predominate. Madge Evans, screen actress, wears the ever-popular skin with the sleeves full at the elbow, but fitted tightly at the cuff.

CHOICE OF TABLE LINEN

Two Silence Cloths

A little thought in the selection of table linen prevents unnecessary errors and inconveniences in later use of that equipment. Before starting out to order your linen measure your table both as it is used for family service and extended as for guest dinners. Allow 12 to 15 inches to extend beyond the end of the table.

Every linen closet should boast two silence cloths at least. One for every day and a larger one for the extended size of the table. Asbestos mats to go under the dishes and doilie service are very necessary to protect the surface of the table even with the use of silence cloths.

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Duchess Sets The Fashion

"Pearl" Wedding Gowns

SKIRT WIDENS AT THE BACK

An entirely new fashion for wedding gowns has been set by the Duchess of Gloucester.

The material is new—the cut is new—the train is new—and the corsage is new and very effective.

Lustrous pearl-coloured satin, specially woven for the bride, is the material which has started fashion No. 1.

It is already making its appearance in exclusive shops while cheaper satins are being hastily dyed "pearl."

The cut-of-the-gown is novel. Instead of having a separate train, the skirt widens out at the back to a four-yard train which tapers to a point. Over this fall diaphanous cascades of pearl-tinted tulle, which form the bridal veil.

Satin Sash

A wind sash of satin ties in a flat bow in the front so that its tapering ends follow the slender close-fitting lines of the skirt which is tight to just below the knees.

The bodice is also novel. All the fullness is gathered in soft folds at the centre of the neck and held in place with a cluster of orange blossom. This line is a distinct change from plain circular or "V" necks, recently so popular.

The bridal head-dress is a coronet of orange blossom, each stem bound in silver thread.

The bridesmaids' dresses are also setting fashions. Those worn by the elder bridesmaids were severely simple dresses of pearl-tinted satin girdled at the waist with a satin sash bound with gold. Their long sleeves were loosely turned back with cuffs of gold lame.

The neckline was gauged into a small frill of satin held in place by a circlet of pink roses and gold leaves. Their head-dresses were of seed pearls and crystal leaves, with clusters of roses at the sides.

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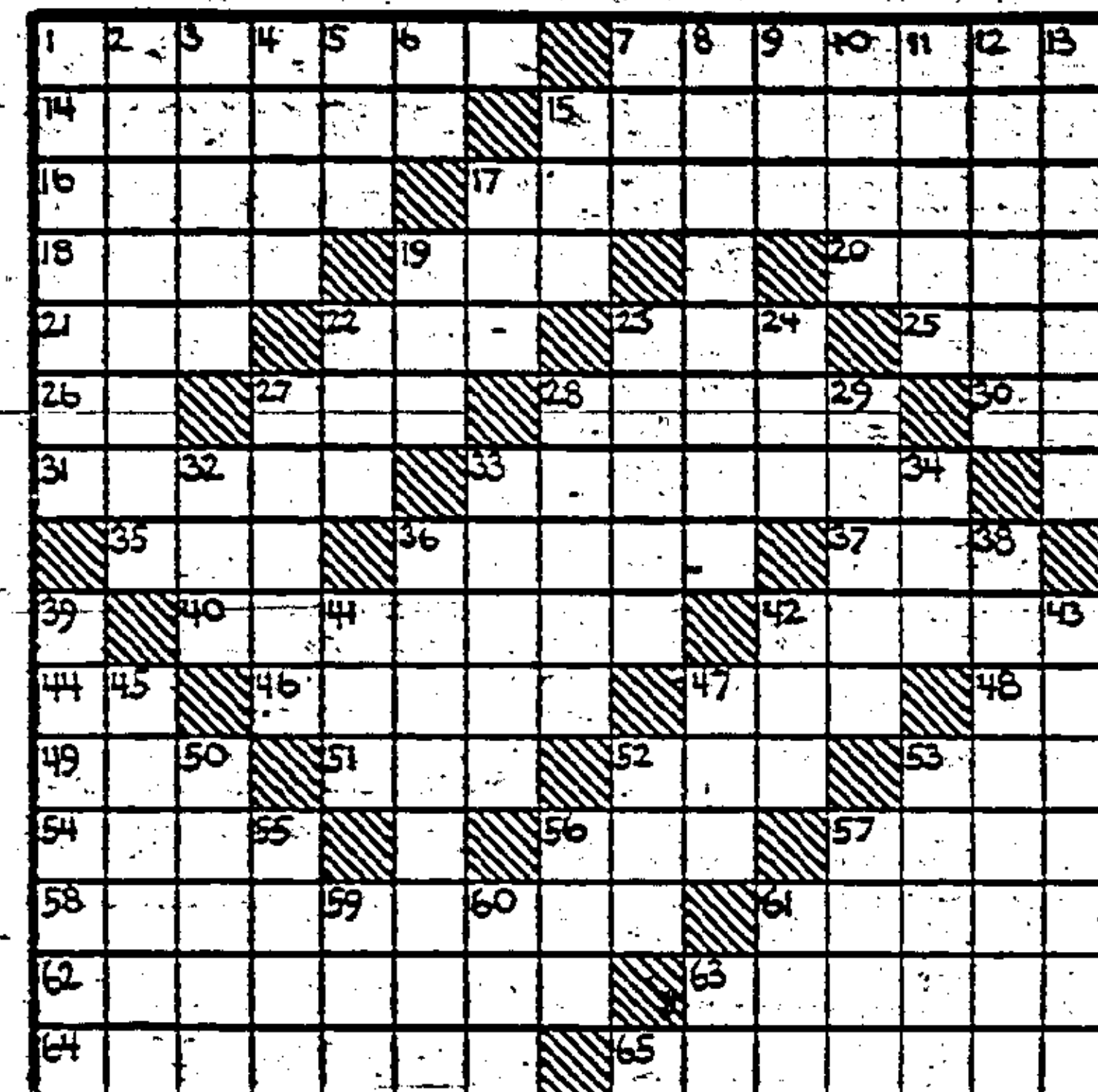
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Pertaining to Spain | 46-Preth. Through | 15-Noise |
| 7-Angriest | 51-Deep hole | 17-June-bug |
| 14-A vegetable | 52-Undressed timber | 19-Turnout |
| 15-One who withholds | 53-Fasten | 22-A dance |
| 16-Small particles | 54-Consumes (Obs.) | 23-Peeks |
| 17-Release | 56-Perched | 24-Evening |
| 18-A "dell" | 57-Colloquial singular | 27-A requiry |
| 19-Gained | 58-Of drugs | 28-Stagger |
| 20-Scrutinize | 59-Acting mechanically | 29-Dresser city |
| 21-A point of compass | 61-A weighing machine (Scott.) | 33-Saccharine |
| 22-Parity | 62-A verse consisting of three measures | 34-Mile descendant |
| 23-A pastry | 63-Carols | 36-Calculates |
| 24-Preth. Across | 64-Scored | 38-Sick people |
| 25-Right (abbr.) | 65-Formal objection | 39-Self-terates |
| 27-A Swiss river | | 41-Doze |
| 28-Pass a rope through a hole (Naut.) | | 42-Wooden pin |
| 30-Musical note | | 43-Having greatest length |
| 31-Strikes with the open hand | | 44-Go back |
| 32-Prophecy | | 47-Torrid |
| 35-Years (abbr.) | | 50-To fasten again |
| 36-Wide-mouthed pitchers | | 52-Mile (lat.) |
| 37-Mop | | 53-Lying flat |
| 40-Decorates with tinsel | | 54-A portion |
| 42-Pertaining to punishment | | 56-Title |
| 44-Comparative suffix | | 57-Expression of displeasure |
| 46-Satisfies | | 59-Meridian (abbr.) |
| 47-A fowl | | 60-Spread loosely for drying, as grass |
| 49-Preposition | | 61-Even if |
| | | 63-Credit (abbr.) |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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KE	SA
ENTRICK	STATOR
MA	BL
SPIDER	LEAVES
LINE	ARRIVED
LOTTERIES	
ORA	NEA
SONS	RIGA
CITE	ENOS
REIMED	PAIR

which closes to it and forms the handle.
Gloves on the whole are quieter in tone, but reptile gauntlets will be seen on country gloves.
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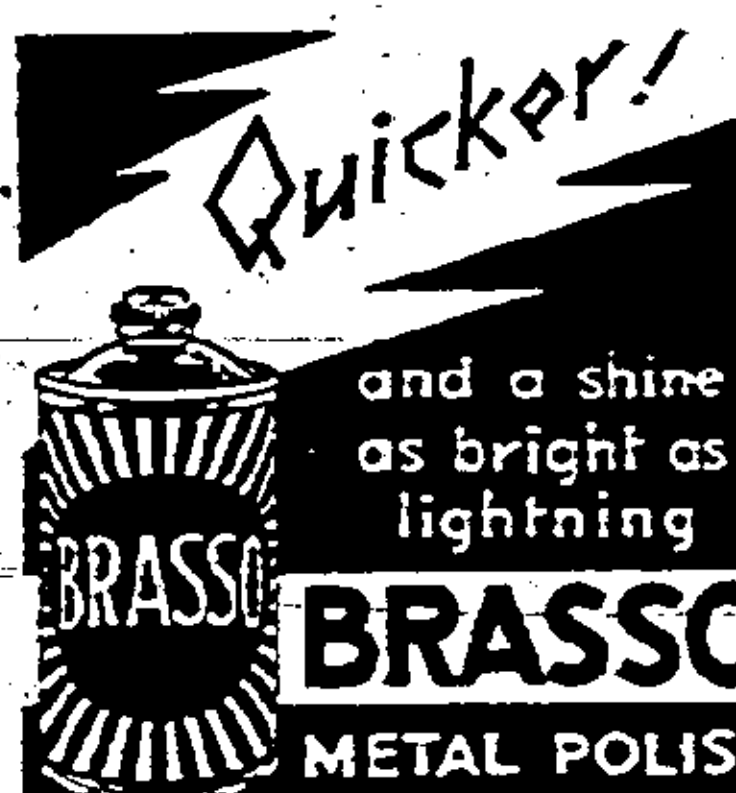
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The Chapter on the Kuomintang covers the political history of China in 1934. The Chapter on the Chinese Government contains the Text of the Provisional Constitution, the Organic Law, and the Draft of the Permanent Constitution.

The Chapter on International Issues gives the text of the Agreement and Exchange of Notes of the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway, besides the latest documents relating to Sino-Japanese issues.

China's Communications — Railways, Roads, Post Office, Telegraphs, Wireless, Telephones, and Aviation are very fully dealt with.

Father D'Elia, in the Chapter on Religions, contributes an interesting Chronological Review of Catholic Missions in China. Mr. E. Kamm is again responsible for the Chapter on Currency and Banking, and the Loan Tables.

A new feature is a Chapter on China's Modern Industries.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Solving A Playing Problem
By Ely Culbertson

When a player holds some such combination as K 10 3 of a suit in one hand and nothing but small cards in the other, he need not worry about losing more than two tricks in that suit, provided he is not compelled to lead the suit. This statement can be substantiated to the satisfaction of any student who will take the trouble to deal out the cards, giving the remaining honours as he pleases to the two opposing sides. It was an appreciation of this fact that permitted declarer in a recent Duplicate game to be the only one to make his contract. The hand was:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

S. K. Q. 6
H. K. Q. 6 4 3
D. K. S. 2
C. 9 8

S. 9 5 4 N. S. 8 3
E. S. N. H. A. 7 6 2
D. 9 5 4 3 W. E. D. Q. J 10 6
C. A. 8 6 5 4 S. C. Q. J 2

S. A. J 10 7 2
H. J 10 9
D. A 7
C. K 10 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1S. Pass 2H. Pass
3H. Pass 3S. Pass
4S. Pass Pass Pass

The bidding is accurate enough. South's Jack-Ten-nine of hearts is almost adequate support, and he must certainly find another bid in response to his partner's takeout. The raise of hearts is a better choice than the bidding of any number of notrump or a rebid of the spades. When South bid three hearts, North rightly bid three spades, and South rebid to game is perfectly obvious.

Most players on the bidding made an opening lead of a spade, and the ordinary line of attack, after winning the first spade in the closed hand, was to lead a heart and establish that suit before drawing trumps. This line of play proved a losing one, as East won with the Ace, returned the club Queen, and later was able to give his partner a ruff in hearts for the setting trick.

The safe line of play was to draw the adverse trumps and then establish the hearts. With the combination of clubs held, not enough leads could then be made to keep South from fulfilling his contract, and if the opponents could be held to one trick in the club suit, declarer would make five.

CASTLE IN SPAIN SOLD FOR 28/-

Rumours Of Hidden Treasure

BUT ONLY ONE COIN FOUND

Madrid. — Somebody's "Castle in Spain," the medieval stronghold of Santa Gadea del Cid, has just been bought by the neighbouring village for the price of twenty eight shillings cash.

The castle had long remained uninhabited, although its central portion, including a magnificent vaulted hall, remained intact.

There were current in the village, however, tales of buried treasure, so one inhabitant wrote to the owners, who had never even visited the district, and asked how much they wanted for the castle.

Fifty pesetas, (28/-) came the reply, and the deal was concluded. The whole village then turned out for its treasure hunt, but though the old walls are rapidly being destroyed by straying cattle and seekers after hidden wealth, the only find to date has been that of a single coin of the time of Queen Isabel II, who ruled over Spain a century ago. — Reuter.

KING'S MEDAL STOLEN

A gold medal presented by the King in 1922 to Mr. H. Rodick for being the most prominent boy in the training ship Worcester, was among the articles stolen recently from his home at Caterham, Surrey.

FRANCO-SOVIET TREATY

Vigorous Protests In France

TSARIST DEBTS SHOULD BE RECOGNISED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Energetic protests against the new Franco-Russian treaty of commerce, which has just been signed by representatives of the two countries, have been addressed to M. Laval by the national union of French holders of pre-war Russian bonds. The protests stress that the conclusion of the treaty should have been rendered conditional on the settlement of the French claims, and hold the French Government responsible for the continuation of the economic misery in which large numbers of French creditors of the Tsarist Empire have been plunged by the Russian default.

A similar protest has been sent to the Minister of Commerce, M. Bonnet, whom the paper *Le Jour* severely criticises for having allegedly promised M. Litvinoff that the French Government will shortly consider granting a loan of 800,000,000 francs to the Soviet Union and will probably consent to grant it. The paper says that it is inconceivable that the French Government is not insisting on at least partial repayment of the Russian debt, which totals some 20 milliard gold francs.

In any case, according to the paper, neither the treaty of commerce nor the treaty of mutual assistance should be ratified nor any new loan made to Soviet Russia before the latter has given satisfactory guarantees for the repayment of the Tsarist debt—Trans-Ocean Service.

AMNESTY IN AUSTRIA

Punitive Process Being Dropped

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day.

Nineteen out of 21 members of the former Socialist Party management awaiting trial for alleged incitement to high treason in connection with the insurrection of February 1934 have been granted an amnesty by the State President, according to an official notice issued on Tuesday night. The punitive process going on has been dropped.

The former Chairman of the Socialist Party and ex-Mayor of Vienna, Karl Seitz, is not among those amnestied, nor is the Deputy Rosa Juchmann, who remained in hiding for six months after February 12, 1934, and during this time continued directing secret propaganda against the Government. Both the latter, however, have been set at liberty.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SOVIET OFFICIAL IN TROUBLE

Handed To Russian Authorities

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Prague, To-day.

The 35-year old official of the Soviet Russian Legation here, Alexander Kosomoff, who on November 27, 1935, as reported by Trans-Ocean, robbed the Legation of 800,000 Czech crowns and many important documents and was arrested next day at Hirschberg spa, was transported on Tuesday to the Rumanian frontier, where he was handed over in chains by the Rumanian official who accompanied him to the Soviet. He will be tried in a Soviet court.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FRENCH NAVAL BASE AT TRIPOLI

Jerusalem, To-day. — Despatches from Beirut state that the French Government, in agreement with the British Government, has decided to establish a naval base at the Syrian port of Tripoli.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"MANHATTAN TOWER" — QUEEN'S THEATRE

Occasionally a picture is produced which has all the fundamental elements of drama in addition to intelligent direction, perfect casting and good acting. Such a picture is Remington's "Manhattan Tower," which opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

The picture features Mary Brian in the feminine lead, and never has this dainty actress been more appealing or convincing. She handles the sympathetic role like a much more experienced actress than she really is, and makes the audience live her part with her.

In conjunction with this film an amazing picture entitled "Evolution" will be shown.

"ESCAPE ME NEVER" — KING'S THEATRE

"Escape Me Never," is the film of the sensational stage hit, with the brilliant star, Elisabeth Bergner, and many of the principals of the original London cast, including Hugh Sinclair, Leo Quartermaine and Griffith Jones.

The Margaret Kennedy play offers the tiny Austrian actress, who was last seen by film fans in the title role of "Catherine The Great," her finest and most lovable role as Gemma Jones, the little waif who is found wandering about Venice half starving and given shelter by Sebastian Sanger, a penniless young composer.

The romantic atmosphere of the film, Sebastian develops an attachment for the little creature, who loves him. But when he meets Fenella, the beautiful aristocratic fiancée of his brother, Caryl, he falls madly in love with her.

Gemma runs away and returns to London. Sebastian follows her and marries her. However, he continues his romance with Fenella, who is unaware of their marriage. Gemma works as a slave to support the selfish Sebastian while he completes his ballet. Due to neglect, her infant son falls ill and the story reaches a great dramatic climax with the death of the child, the success of the ballet and the tender reunion of Gemma and Sebastian.

"A NOTORIOUS GENTLEMAN" — MAJESTIC THEATRE

Charles Bickford, one of the most talented of the screen's numerous "hard-boiled" actors, and Helen Vinson, who since making the film has become Mrs. Fred Perry, co-star in "A Notorious Gentleman," the present attraction at the Majestic Theatre.

Bickford's role, in keeping with the others he has had in former pictures, is filled with action of the two-sided variety, and, those who like the star will enjoy this film thoroughly.

"LOVE IN BLOOM" — ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Dixie Lee, or as she is known to her intimates, Mrs. Bing Crosby, makes a welcome return to the screen after an absence of several years in the leading role of Paramount's musical extravaganza, "Love in Bloom," which is screening to-day at the Alhambra Theatre.

Included in the giant cast are the old favourites George "Porgy" Burns, and Gracie Allen, who have done so much to "put over" shows in the past.

"KID MILLIONS" — STAR THEATRE

By special request Eddie Cantor's latest laugh riot, "Kid Millions," will be shown at the Star Theatre for one day only. Cantor is supported by a brilliant all-star cast, and sings several catchy tunes.

"WOMAN WANTED" — ORIENTAL THEATRE

In "Woman Wanted" a novel meeting is arranged between the two principals, Joel McCrea and Maureen O'Sullivan. Miss O'Sullivan portrays a woman who is found guilty of murder, but who, while on her way to the penitentiary, escapes. McCrea, a brilliant young defence attorney, unwittingly assists her.

On learning her identity he hides

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 K.C.'s).

Daventry Relay—The Town Hall Birmingham.
Children's Studio Concert.
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5.30-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

5.30-6 p.m.—A Relay of the 1st part of the Concert from the Helena Bay Institute arranged by Madame H. Twiss.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

6.30-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7-7.15 p.m.—Two Chopin Ballades played by Alfred Cortot.

1. Ballade in A Flat Major (Op. 47)

2. Ballade in F Minor (Op. 62)

7.15-7.30 p.m.—The Russian Novel by Orchestra.

The Swallow Waltz
The Broken String Waltz
Sorrowful (Schwartz)

Joy of the East—Waltz (Schwartz)

7.30-7.45 p.m.—Vocal Gems.

Chocolate Soldier (O. Strauss)

The Gipsy (Jones)

7.45-8 p.m.—New Mayfair Orch.

Medley of James Tate's Songs.

Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago, 1923-1924.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations

8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05-8.15 p.m.—A Jazz Piano Recital by Patricia Rossborough.

1. Here is my heart—Selection.

2. Dances.

3. Broadway Melody of 1936—Selection.

4. Please Teacher!—Selections.

5. 18-30 p.m.—Excerpts from "Naughty Marietta" sung by Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

1. Neath the Southern Moon.

2. Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life.

3. I'm falling in Love with someone.

4. Tramp, Tramp, Tramp along the Highway.

8.30-9.15 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.

8.30 p.m.—High Spots—No. 12.

"The Town Hall Birmingham," A descriptive commentary from the roof of the Town Hall, Birmingham, by F. W. Bradstock.

8.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletins. (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-9.28 p.m.—"Top Hat" Tunes sung by Ginger Rogers.

1. Cheek to Cheek.

2. The Piccolino.

3. Isn't this a lovely Day.

4. No Strings.

9.28-9.40 p.m.—"William Tell Overture" (Rossini).

9.40-10 p.m.—Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Close Down.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

PROTEST TO THE LEAGUE

SYSTEMATIC PROSECUTIONS CARRIED OUT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rotterdam, To-day.

A moving description of the sufferings endured by the clergy in all the Christian denominations in Soviet Russia was made at a meeting organised here by the "International Union of the Churches for the Defence of Morals and Religion Against Bolshevism," which was also attended by numerous diplomats.

The meeting approved a memorandum which had been despatched to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, M. Avenol, and which, after exposing the anti-Christian persecutions systematically carried on by Soviet Russia, demands the immediate abolition of these conditions.

The memorandum stresses that fact that the Soviet Union now belongs to the League and goes on to express the hope that at least one member State may be found willing to place the protest by the Union of the Churches on the League Council's orders of the day, in conformity with the statutes of the League.—Trans-Ocean Service.

her and sets about finding the true murderer. The picture continues, through many thrilling episodes, to an equally thrilling climax.

Sporting Page

ST. CLAIR FORD NEEDED ON WING IN COLONY RUGBY FIFTEEN



Lt. A. C. C. Miers, above, the Naval Rugby stand-off-half, will leave for Home on Saturday via Japan. He will be missed by the large circle of friends in the Colony, both in Rugby and hockey circles.

KOWLOON TONG OVERWHELMED BY ELIOT HALL

Keen Badminton League Games

FIRE BRIGADE SUFFER SECOND DEFEAT

Eliot Hall "A" team, like their juniors, made a successful debut in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night by defeating the Kowloon Tong Club by nine sets to nil at Kowloon Tong.

The Fire Brigade Recreation Club suffered their second defeat, losing to the Club de Recreio "B" team by the odd set in nine at the Central Police Station, while at King's Park the Club de Recreio "A" team beat the St. Andrew's "B" by 7 sets to 2.

Detailed results of the matches were as follows:—

Eliot Hall "A" Win

At Kowloon Tong last night, the Eliot Hall "A" beat the Kowloon Tong Club by 9 sets to nil:—

S. A. Gray and P. Leung (Kowloon) 1-21
lost to T. C. Lee and P. K. (Kowloon) 1-21
lost to C. Lee and K. Y. Lee 9-21
lost to C. S. Heng and K. S. (Kowloon) 16-21
A. Chan and B. K. Wong (Kowloon) 1-21
lost to Lee and Chan 1-21
lost to Lee and Lee 2-21
lost to Heng and Lee 13-21
J. M. Pong and G. A. White (Kowloon) 1-21
lost to Lee and Chan 1-21
lost to Lee and Lee 1-21
lost to Heng and Lee 2-21

Recreio "B" Cause Upset

At the Central Police Station last night, the Recreio "B" beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 5 sets to 4:—

E. L. H. Shute and J. L. Anderson (Fire Brigade) 14-21
lost to H. A. Barros and A. (Fire Brigade) 14-21
beat F. Remedios and A. (Fire Brigade) 21-5
beat N. Beltrao and E. Alves 21-5
W. Stoker and A. L. Fisher (Fire Brigade) 6-21
lost to Barros and Xavier 6-21
beat Remedios and Basto 21-15
beat Beltrao and Alves 21-15
E. Greenwood and L. D. Skinner (Fire Brigade) 1-21
lost to Barros and Xavier 1-21
lost to Remedios and Basto 11-21
lost to Beltrao and Alves 18-21

Recreio "A" Beat Saints

At King's Park last night, the Recreio "A" beat the St. Andrew's "B" by 7 sets to 2:—

H. A. Alves and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A") 21-1
beat S. A. Broadbridge and (Recreio "A") 21-3
beat L. Kirby and J. Dawson 21-5
L. A. Carvalho and A. Silva (Recreio "A") 21-6
beat Weill and Bliss 21-6
beat Broadbridge and Angus 21-3
beat Kirby and Dawson 21-2
J. Eberio and B. N. da Silva (Recreio "A") 21-13
beat Weill and Bliss 21-13
lost to Broadbridge and (Recreio "A") 15-21
lost to Kirby and Dawson 22-24

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Games	P	W	L	Pts
Recreio "B"	7	6	1	45
St. Andrew's "A"	5	5	0	40
Recreio "A"	5	6	0	33
C. R. C.	6	4	1	34
Fire Brigade	4	3	2	27
St. John's	7	4	3	35
St. Andrew's "B"	6	2	4	21
Talkoo R.C.	6	2	4	19
Eliot Hall "B"	1	0	7	2
Eliot Hall "A"	1	0	0	2
V. E. C.	7	1	6	15
S. and S. Home	6	0	6	17
Kowloon Tong	7	0	7	21

TRENTBRIDGE TEST TO BE CANCELLED?

PLAN DISCUSSED IN CRICKET CIRCLES

PROVINCES WILL OPPOSE IDEA

(By J. H. Freeman)

London, December 11. A PROPOSAL is being seriously discussed in cricket circles to change the centres at which Test matches are played when Australia and South Africa visit this country.

The usual rota has been Nottingham, Lord's, Leeds, Manchester, and the Oval, and the proposal, which has been canvassed since the annual meetings of county cricket captains and secretaries last week, is to play two matches instead of one at Lord's, and eliminate one of the provincial centres. Nottingham has been named as the place to suffer.

If this suggestion—it can scarcely be called anything else at present—comes before the Board of Control, I hope the representatives of the M.C.C. on that body will strongly oppose it. The danger of the position is that this is not a matter which the M.C.C. can decide. The governing body is responsible for all M.C.C. tours abroad, but in all Test matches played in this country the Board of Control is in charge.

The board consists of five representatives of the M.C.C. and one representative from each of the 10 leading first-class counties, according to their position in the championship table the previous season. The M.C.C. members can therefore be outvoted by 2 to 1.

A Comparison

Sponsors of the proposal are putting forwards a number of specious reasons why the change should be seriously considered, but at the bottom the governing factor is finance.

Counties who are unable to make ends meet from the ordinary county programme would be only too glad to share in the increased gate receipts which they believe a second Test match at Lord's would bring. Here are the figures for the five grounds (Continued on Page 11)

MCCORMICK'S 5 FOR 29

Australians Record Innings Win

Port Elizabeth, Yesterday.

The three-day match between Eastern Province and the Australians ended here to-day (the second day) in a win for the Australians by an innings and 144 runs.

Continuing their innings, the Australians took their overnight total of 189 for 4 to 325, Victor Richardson, who was 76 not out at the close of play on the previous day, adding but 9 runs to his score.

Going in for the second time, Eastern Province were dismissed for a paltry 89 runs, McCormick returning the good analysis of 5 for 29.

Eastern Province: 92 and 89. Australians: 325. —Reuter.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Club Teams To Meet Kowloon C.C.

The following will play on Saturday for the H.K.C.C. against the K.C.C. on the H.K.C.C. ground:—

A. W. Hayward (capt.), G. E. R. Direct, G. S. Duckley, E. R. Dockitt, A. C. Crowder, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kibbe, J. McInnes, T. A. Pearce, T. E. Pearce, G. A. Stewart.

The following will play for the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI against the K.C.C. 2nd XI on the K.C.C. ground:—

A. K. Mackenzie (capt.), H. J. Armstrong, H. W. Beeson, V. C. Bond, D. Carey, J. H. Davies, L. S. Eubank, H. F. Fox, J. E. Potter, J. Sisk, W. Wooding.



A. F. Walkden, above, the Club's vice-captain, is likely to be selected to fill one of the front row forward positions in the Colony Rugby side to meet the New Zealand Universities' side on January 16.

KWOK TO REMAIN IN SHANGHAI

China May Not Send Swimmers To Berlin

(By "CRAWL")

Kwok Chun-hang, China's foremost breast-stroke swimmer, has been persuaded by his friends to remain in China until the end of April, pending confirmation by the Chinese World Olympic Committee as to whether a swimming team will be sent to the Berlin Games.

Kwok Chun-hang recently decided to leave Shanghai for Australia, thereby throwing away all chances of his being selected to represent China at the World Olympiad.

I understand that the China National Amateur Athletic Federation are restricting the number of teams to be sent to football, basketball, athletics and—probably—Swimming!

BRITISH GOLF TOURNEYS

Australian Champion To Compete

Melbourne, To-day.

James Ferrier, the Australian amateur golf champion, has sailed for England to compete in the British Amateur and Open Championships.

Ferrier, who is a Shanghai boy, has been responsible for many remarkable performances in Australia, and Australians generally are anxious to see how he fares against the pick of Britain's golfers.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

EX-SHAH'S BOXING OFFSPRING

Worcester Training Ship Title Won

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, December 11. Prince Hamid Radjai, son of the ex-Shah of Persia, has won the senior boxing championship of the training ship Worcester at Greenhithe, Kent.

Weighing 9st-9 and 13 years old, the young Prince is a fine all-round athlete, and is in Worcester's first teams at cricket and Rugby football.

He has spent most of his life in his country, and it is his ambition to enter the British Mercantile Marine. He has been in Worcester two years, and is a cadet-captain.

REFERERS' ASSOCIATION

The fortnightly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association will be held in the Sports Club, King's Building, on Monday, January 13, at 7.45 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S START MANAK PROGRAMME NEXT SUNDAY

The St. Andrew's Hockey Club have been lent the Manak Hockey ground for one month, during which time they will play off their Manak Hockey Tournament fixtures. They will meet the K. L. T. C. next Sunday morning.

MCGILCHRIST AND FRASER CERTAIN

BUTCHER & KNOX SHOW GOOD UNDERSTANDING

HUTCHISON'S STRONG CLAIMS

(By "Scrum Half")

POINTLESS goal-kicking—I have seldom seen such weak efforts—ruined the trial Rugby game yesterday at the Valley, quite a fifth of the game being taken up by attempts at goal following infringements or tries. With the little time they had at their disposal, following a very late start, the goal kicking might have been omitted.

The Selectors must have been very satisfied with three three-quarters—McGilchrist, Fraser and St. Clair Ford—and Butcher, but the other back positions gave cause for anxiety. Robertson was not at all at his ease for two-thirds of the game, his handling again being faulty, and his touch-kicking lacking direction, though he tackled in a very determined manner. Though Frost's handling was good and he brought McGillchrist down when a try seemed certain in the second half, he was out of position too frequently to warrant serious consideration.

The left wing-threequarter position is likely to prove a difficult one to fill satisfactorily as neither Withers nor Wright impressed in yesterday's trial, though both had opportunities to score. One solution would be to transfer St. Clair Ford back on to the wing—his proper position—and bring Hutchison, a much better player than he is considered by the Club, in as his partner. Hutchison has an eye for an opening and there is no better tackler in the Colony, despite his small stature.

ARMY RUGBY TEAM SAILING FOR SHANGHAI

To Meet U.S. Marines And Interport XV

BUT WILL RETURN FOR SERVICES—SHANGHAI GAME

The Army first Rugby fifteen, winners of the Triangular Rugby Tournament for the first time in over four years, are leaving the Colony next Wednesday for the North, where they will meet the Shanghai Interport side and the Fourth United States Marines.

The Army team will arrive in Shanghai on or about January 17 and will meet the Shanghai Interport fifteen on the Sunday following their arrival, following which the Shanghai fifteen will embark for Hong Kong, whom they will meet in the annual Interport contest on Saturday, January 25.

The Army fifteen will meet the Fourth United States Marines on Tuesday, January 21, and will return to the Colony on January 27 in time for the United Services' match against the Shanghai Interport fifteen.

Almost Same Team

The Army team will be exactly the same as that which defeated the Club last Saturday, with the exception of Lieut. Withers, of the Royal Artillery, who is unable to travel North.

L/Cpl. Davies, of the Fusiliers, who was injured in the Triangular Tournament match between the Army and the Club on December 22, has staged a quick recovery and will be included in the team. In addition to the team, Lieut. Harrison, of the East Lancs, will be travelling as a reserve forward.

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Lt. H. J. F. Lane, above, the Naval Rugby wing-threequarter, is unfortunately on the injured list, otherwise he might have qualified for a wing position in the Colony side to meet the New Zealand Universities' side on January 16.

CLUB AND RADIO SHARE VERY FAST HOCKEY MATCH

POTTER, REED AND CAREY SHINE

TELEGRAPHIST FORWARDS CROWD EACH OTHER

Due to the fact that the Police could not raise a team, their friendly hockey match with the Club was cancelled, but the latter played a friendly against the Radio Sports Club, the game ending in a draw of one goal each.

Play started with the Radio pressing, and in the first minute Kalwant Singh tested Shields with a hard shot, which the latter cleared in fine style.

The Club then took up the attack, but time and again they were beaten off by Guest, who played a great game at full-back for the Radio. Finally S. A. Fowler broke through, but, with only the goalkeeper to beat, he missed!

Fowler Makes Amends

Nothing daunted, however, the Club kept up a pressure and were finally rewarded when Fowler again broke through, this time making no mistake with his shot. Half time came with no change in the score.

When play was resumed, the Club forced a fruitless corner, and the Radio equalised through an excellent movement on the right wing, which culminated in Kalwant Singh scoring.

Club Defence Shines

Potter, Reed and Carey were outstanding for the Club. Divett was also prominent with his bustling methods.

For the Radio, Guest and Gurbuchan Singh were the best players. Kalwant Singh was good at times, but he was inclined to be lazy, and but for the fact that the Radio forward, were too fond of crowding each other, they might have won the game.

Club: H. F. Shields, J. E. Potter, J. C. Cotterworth, J. L. Tuley, W. A. Reed, E. A. Bates, K. C. Woodhouse, S. A. Fowler, G. E. R. Divett, D. Carey and Moss. Radio: Man Singh, A. E. P. Guest, J. S. Greval, Jagat Singh, M. H. Himesin, Prem Singh, Bhagwan Singh, S. S. Chowdhury, Gurbuchan Singh, Kalwant Singh and Jangar Singh.

HAMPSHIRE BEAT SURREY BY NARROW MARGIN

London, To-day.

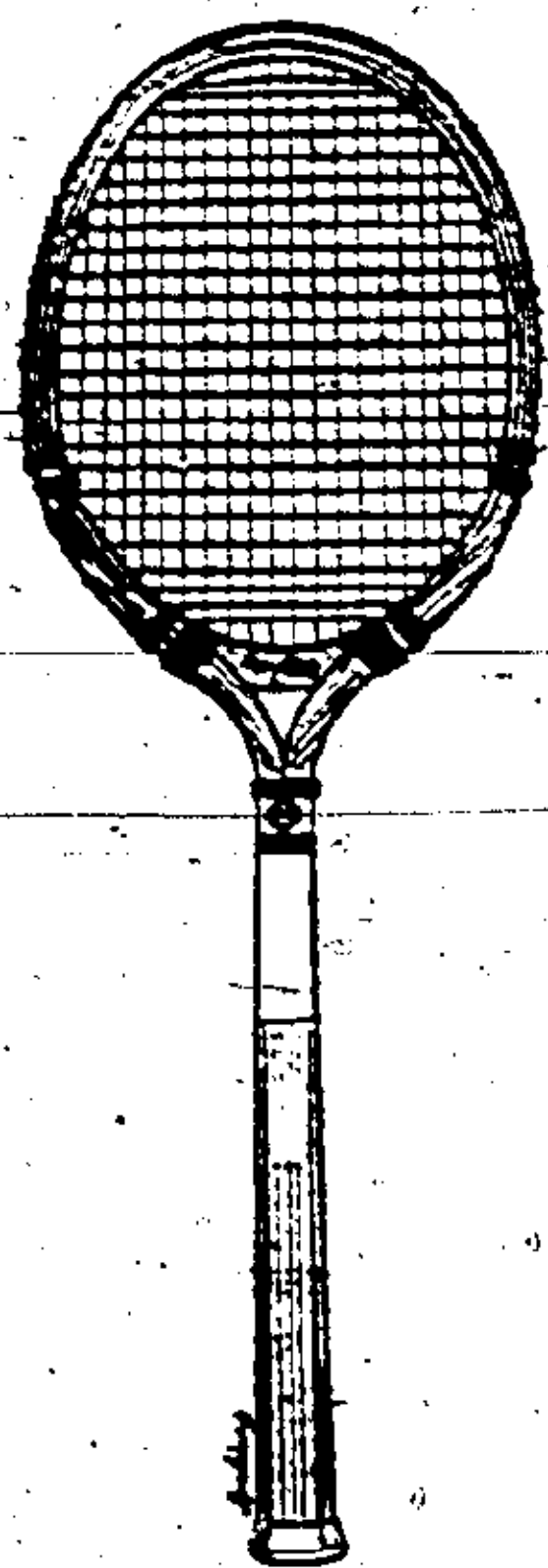
There were two Rugby matches played yesterday, Hampshire beating Surrey by the narrow margin of 5 points to 3 at Richmond in their replay in the Rugby Union County Championship, while Bristol lost at home to the Royal Navy by 6 points to nil.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S SWEEPSTAKE SAILING RACES

Miss E. Walker, at the helm of Lobo, yesterday won the "A" Class Sweepstake Sailing race, while Major E. E. C. Dinn, in Emile, and Miss B. M. Kirke, in the Ariel, won the "B" and "C" and "D" classes, respectively.

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ENGLAND'S SOCCER TRIUMPH

CONTINENTAL PRESS OPINIONS

GLOWING AUSTRIAN TRIBUTES

Berlin, December 5.

ENGLAND'S victory over Germany in yesterday's football match was generally expected on the Continent. European Press comments pay tribute to the superiority of the English team. German opinion is pleased by the friendly atmosphere in which the game was played.

"Of course, the British are in a class by themselves in football," said General Goering's adjutant, "but it would have been nice if we had had just one goal." Herr Lindemann, president of the German Football Association, said: "The result is what I expected. Although we never expected a repetition of the last Anglo-German match in Berlin, which ended in a draw of 3-3, we had reckoned on at least a goal to the honour of the side."

It is felt that the Germans put up a good fight, especially as they are amateurs and were playing on a strange ground. "Nobody in Germany had prophesied a victory for our team against England... now we have lost the match properly," says today's issue of "Berliner Tageblatt." "We do not need to be miserable about this. England has never been beaten in a home match by any other football nation. Genuine British football ability and an old tradition, combined with the British climate and condition of the ground, have so far always mastered the attacks of other European football nations."

"This time the British team again played splendidly and did all honour to the reputation of British football."

"The propaganda against the match had the effect on the sporting Englishmen of working as propaganda for the Germans."

The "Fussball Woche," Berlin's leading football periodical says: "The fantastic speed, the beauty of the game, and the uncanny force at the back of each shot displayed by the English will remain for a long time in the memory of the visitors from the Continent."



Pau Kaping, of South China "B" above, probably the finest goalkeeper in the Colony outside of George Rodger, of the Club, was unable to obtain the necessary leave to go to Shanghai with the College football Interceptors and withdrew his name from the "possibles."

"The game was played in a spirit of true sportsmanship," says the "B.Z. am Mittag," adding: "There is no need for us to be upset because we have lost to the best team in the world."

"The game was a splendid illustration of the sporting spirit of fair play and of the friendly understanding between two great nations."

One small disappointment, according to the "Morgenpost," was the weak shooting of the British forwards.

The "Zwoelf Uhr Blatt" comments: "The result, which showed a clear superiority, was right and fair. The result is less an impression left by the German team wished to make this match a political question."

A Great Performance
Herr Hugo Meisl, "dictator" of Austrian football, said: "The result exceeds my expectations. It shows that the English were in good form and went all out for a good win."

I should have thought the German forwards would have been able to score once. The result shows that England will never be beaten on physical superiority. The only chance is more scheming tactics."

Great Performance
"The English team must have played extremely well to hold the German forwards as they did," said Dr. Ederstaller, chairman of the Austrian Football Association. "In short, it was a great performance on the part of England."

He added that the match proved that England were still unbeatable at home.—Reuter.

Six Home Winners

Derby W. Bromwich
York Sunderland
T. Lanark Manchester C.

Four Away Winners

Newcastle Aberdeen
Rangers Hearts

Three Draws

Dunfermline v. Kilmarnock
Notts C. v. Tranmere
Stockport v. Plymouth

HOME SOCCER MARKSMEN

Carter And Cheetham Share Lead

London, December 10.
Carter (Sunderland) and Cheetham (Queen's Park Rangers), with 20 goals each, are joint leaders in the Home League goal-scoring list.

DIVISION I	
Carter (Sunderland)	20
McCulloch (Brentford)	16
Cannell (Middlesbrough)	16
Richardson (W.B.A.)	15
Glover (Grimby)	14
Gurney (Sunderland)	14
Birkett (Middlesbrough)	12
Lythgoe (Huddersfield)	12
Drake (Arsenal)	12
Howe (Liverpool)	12
Dewar (She. Wednes.)	11
DIVISION II	
Morrison (Nottmham)	17
Finan (Blackpool)	12
Pescott (Nottmham F.)	12
Dodds (Shef. U.)	12
Magnall (W. Ham)	12
Allen (Charlton)	12
Matthews (Bury)	12
Perry (Fulham)	10
Carroll (Leicester)	10
Vinall (Norwich)	10
DIVISION III (North)	
Cheetham (Q.P.R.)	20
Dawes (C. Palace)	15
Bourne (Coventry)	15
Asley (Bournemouth)	12
Crawford (C. Orient)	11

FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A COMPREHENSIVE guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they have fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn, respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figure in brackets denotes the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division		HOME										AWAY									
		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
		W	L	D	F	A	Pts	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	W	L
Sunderland (2)	WWWWL	24	12	11	1	0	16	17	22	12	6	4	2	24	18	14	36				
Derby (6)	IDLW	24	12	9	0	3	38	10	21	12	2	5	4	7	15	8	29				
Blackpool (15)	WLWD	23	11	7	0	4	17	5	18	12	4	6	2	18	29	10	38				
Arsenal (1)	WLWD	23	11	6	2	3	29	12	15	12	4	7	4	22	15	21	27				
Stoke (10)	DWWL	24	12	7	3	2	21	13	16	12	3	4	5	13	22	11	27				
Birmingham (19)	WDWDL	24	11	6	1	4	22	14	16	13	3	6	4	13	22	16	26				
Preston (16)	dWWL	24	11	8	1	2	24	12	18	13	3	5	4	13	22	16	26				
Liverpool (7)	WWLLD	24	11	9	1	1	24	13	19	10	1	8	4	16	22	7	25				
Wolves (17)	dWWL	24	12	9	1	2	40	18	20	12	1	8	3	11	27	5	25				
Leeds (18)	dWWL	24	12	8	3	2	36	14	19	11	2	8	1	20	20	5	24				
Chelsea (12)	dLWL	23	13	6	3	2	38	18	16	19	2	4	4	10	16	8	24				
Sheff. Wed. (13)	IDLWL	24	12	6	3	3	21	20	15	13	3	7	2	13	35	8	23				
Nottingham (4)	WLWL	23	12	6	3	3	21	14	15	11	2	6	3	15	32	7	23				
W. B'ham (5)	WWWWL	24	12	8	3	3	23	13	17	12	2	9	1	20	32	5	22				
Man'ter C. (4)	IDLWL	23	12	7	3	2	24	8	16	11	2	8	1	16	29	5	21				
Preston (11)	WLWL	24	12	8	3	2	23	13	18	12	1	10	1	8	22	3	21				
Blackburn (15)	WLWL	24	13	8	3	2	23	14	18	11	1	9	1	13	38	3	21				
Wednesday (3)	LWWL	23	11	6	3	3	22	14	15	12	3	8	3	18	34	5	20				
Brentford (7)	WWWL	23	11	4	4	3	32	19	11	12	3	7	2	17	18	8	19				
Everton (8)	IDLWL	23	11	5	3	3	24	19	13	12	1	8	3	14	27	5	18				
A. Villa (13)	WLWL	23	12	4	7	2	28	23	10	12	3	7	2	19	35	8	18				
Grimby (5)	dWL	23	10	6	3	1	15	9	13	13	1	11	1	10	37	3	16				

Second Division		HOME										AWAY									
		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
		W	L	D	F	A	Pts	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	W	L
Charlton (1)	IDLWL	24	12	8	0	4	25	7	20	12	4	5	3	17	21	13	33				
Sheff. U. (11)	WWWWL	23	13	10	1	2	35	17	22	12	3	7	2	21	26	8	39				
W. Ham (3)	WWL	24	12	9	1	2	32	10	20	12	4	7	1	18	20	9	23				
Tham (1)	WLWL	24	12	10	2	0	42	20	20	12	3	6	1	14	20	9	23				
D. Caster (1)	IDLWL	23	13	8	2	3	18	11	13	12	4	7	1	14	25	9	23				
M. U. (5)	WDWL	23	12	8	2	2	23	9	18	11	4	6	1	15	18	9	21				
W. Ham (3)	WWDL	23	12	8	1	3	20	13	19	11	2	7	2	19	32	8	27				
Blackpool (4)	dWL	23	12	8	3	1	34	21	17	11	3	7	3	16	17	9	26				
N. Caster (1)	WWL	23	12	8	2	2	38	18	15	11	4	7	0	19	27	8	26				
Plymouth (8)	WLWL	24	12	8	2	1	26	12	15	12	2	5	3	14	22	7	25				
Fulham (7)	WLWL	24	12	6	4	2	29	12	16	12	2	5	3	11	20	9	25				
Sampton (19)	LWL	24	13	8	1	4	30	15	20	11	2	9	1	8	3	3	23				
Notts F. (3)	WWWL	24	13	8	1	4	40	20	21	12	2	9	1	8	3	3	23				
Barnsley (15)	WLWL	24	11	6	3	2	28	20	14	13	2	7	4	16	30	8	22				
Norwich (14)	WWL	24	12	6	5	1	19	14	13	12	3	7	2	13	23	8	21				
Bury (10)	IDLWL	24	12	5	3	4	19	16	14	12	1	6	5	16	27	7	21				
Bradford (15)	WLWL	22	11	7	1	3	29	22	17	11	0	8	3	5	30	3	20				
Swansea (17)	LWL	24	12	5	5	2	18	19	12	12	3	7	2	21	21	8	20				
B'ford C. (20)	WLWL	24	11	4	2	5	14	12	13	13	2	8	3	12	27	7	20				
Burnley (13)	WLWL	23	11	6	3	2	21	8	14	12	1	8	3	9	25	5	19				
Port Vale (18)	IDLWL	23	11	5	3	3	18	13	12	12	1	10	1	13	43	3	16				
Hull (13)	WLWL	23	10	4	5	1	17	16	9	13	0	9	4	10	37	4	13				

Third Division (South)										Goals										Goals Pts											
										P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Luton (4)	W	W	W	W	L	22	10	7	1	2	34	8	15	12	7	7	2	13	12	16	32										
Reading (2)	W	W	W	W	L	22	10	10	0	3	30	10	20	12	12	5	7	0	22	25	18	30									
Coventry (3)	W	L	W	L	22	10	9	1	0	40	18	12	12	12	2	5	5	17	13	9	27										
Q. P. L. (3)	W	L	W	W	L	22	12	10	1	1	33	11	21	10	12	2	6	2	14	21	6	27									
Clapton (13)	W	W	W	W	L	23	10	8	2	0	33	15	16	13	3	7	3	18	29	9	25										
Plymouth (17)	W	L	W	L	22	9	5	1	3	17	13	13	12	12	4	5	4	15	16	12	25										
Carlisle (5)	d	W	L	W	L	23	10	8	1	3	30	14	17	12	3	7	2	15	35	8	25										
Torquay (10)	L	W	L	W	W	22	12	8	2	3	31	15	17	11	13	4	5	4	14	25	12	32									
Gham (20)	W	W	W	W	L	22	12	6	3	3	32	15	15	10	10	2	4	4	5	13	8	22									
Notts (6)	L	W	L	W	L	22	12	6	3	3	32	15	15	10	10	2	4	4	5	13	8	22									
Southend (5)	L	W	W	W	L	20	12	6	4	2	22	19	14	8	8	3	3	2	9	10	8	22									
Brighton (9)	L	W	W	W	L	22	12	8	3	1	33	16	17	10	16	1	6	3	12	21	3	32									
Millwall (12)	L	W	L	W	L	22	12	6	1	6	20	10	18	10	4	1	7	10	32	3	32										
A'rsnot (18)	L	W	W	W	L	22	12	6	3	3	19	12	15	10	12	2	7	1	7	22	5	32									
Swindon (16)	L	L	W	L	W	22	12	4	2	5	30	14	13	11	3	7	7	1	15	20	7	32									
Cardiff (19)	I	D	W	L	L	21	10	4	2	4	16	10	12	11	1	7	3	4	21	5	3	32									
Exeter (11)	W	W	W	L	L	22	12	6	1	4	24	25	13	9	1	6	2	9	16	4	3	32									
Bristol C. (15)	I	D	W	L	L	22	11	4	4	3	18	9	11	12	1	7	4	4	3	19	6	32									
Bristol R. (8)	I	W	L	W	L	22	11	5	2	3	21	15	13	11	1	7	2	1	15	12	6	32									
Newport (2)	I	L	W	L	W	22	11	4	3	3	22	15	12	11	1	11	0	13	35	2	32										
N'ampton (7)	W	W	W	W	L	22	12	6	3	3	22	18	15	12	1	11	0	13	35	2	32										
W'ham (13)	W	W	W	W	L	22	12	10	4	2	4	22	10	12	12	1	11	0	9	27	4	32									

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Hong Kong, Thursday, Jan. 9, 1936.

Stabilisation

Our mercurial dollar has certainly been "unchanged" for a few days, but that is unfortunately no guarantee for the future. The successful guesser still has a wide field for his operations. Admitting that we are bound to follow the market, and that any hard and fast fixing of the rate is at present out of the question, are there any means by which the merchant who is bent on buying and selling goods can be assisted in forming a correct anticipation of what is likely to be the course of the money market?

It cannot be said that we are without the chance of observing all sorts of experiments made by the gold countries, and although the application of the lessons to silver may require some adjustment, it is nonsense to say that the rules that govern the fate of one metal have no bearing on the other; and it would be very easy to the public mind if someone in authority would enlighten us as to the principles on which our financial policy is to be guided. That is not asking the Government to regulate what is not capable of regulation, or to find a gift of prophecy. It is simply asking that the point shall be grasped that the interests of the trading public are identical with those of the Government, and one of those interests is that all possible information shall be given.

It is admitted by all the authorities that the British Equalisation Fund has been very ably worked. It has served its main object of steadying the market by making the variations of sterling in comparison with the gold dollar and the franc travel in sharp curves rather than in sharp ups and downs like the teeth of a saw. But it has had one drawback, which is that its absolute secrecy has created a vast amount of suspicion in foreign countries, particularly in the United States. An example can be found in the recent speech of the notorious Senator Key Pittman, who has apparently been able, to judge from the general tone of American press comment, to imbue the Middle West with the idea that all the troubles of unemployment and under-production are due to the machinations of a wicked British Government. This has led to a suggestion by some of the most influential publicists and bankers that periodical returns should be published. The position of the Fund at any time could be very easily indicated, for its assets on the one side of the ledger are balanced by its holdings of Treasury Bills. When Mr. Neville Chamberlain states in the Budget speech that the Fund shows a balance, the meaning of the statement is that the amount of the assets has enabled a certain amount of Treasury Bills to be cancelled. If the profits were big enough the position at the end would be that all the outstanding Treasury Bills would have been cancelled, and the Fund would still hold the assets. If stabilisation were eventually achieved the Chancellor could pay over to himself a nice sum for the reduction of debt or of taxation. But in the meantime the market has no figures to help it in its daily transactions.

The position of Hong Kong, although the figures involved would be much smaller, is practically the same. It is very difficult to see that any advantage would be given to the

NEW C-IN-C.
ARRIVAL IN THE
COLONYVICE-ADMIRAL SIR CHARLES
LITTLE

Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little arrived in the Colony this morning by the a.s. Chitral to relieve His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer.

The new Admiral was accompanied by his secretary, Pay-Comdr. N. H. Beall, R.N., O.B.E., and his Flag Lieutenant, Lt. N. B. P. Franklin, R.N., and was met on board by Commodore F. N. Attwood, Chief of Staff to the retiring Admiral and who will also be Chief of Staff to Sir Charles Little.

Arriving also by the Chitral were Capt. Waller, R.N., who is Captain of the Admiral's Staff and who went down to Singapore to meet Sir Charles, and Pay. Lt. Cdr. E. C. Crisp, who has arrived to take over the duties of secretary to the Chief of Staff.

Sir Charles Little, who came ashore in an Admiralty barge, will take up residence at Admiralty House.

Saturday's Programme

His Excellency Sir Frederic Dreyer will retain command until he leaves for home by the a.s. Carthage next Saturday.

At 8 a.m. on Saturday the flag of the Vice-Admiral will be broken on H.M.S. Dorsetshire. The Dorsetshire will then salute the Admiral's flag on H.M.S. Kent with 17 guns, to which the flagship will reply with a salute of 15 guns.

Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little will then board the Kent, being received by a naval guard of honour and band.

At 10.15 a.m. Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer will leave his flagship, the guard of honour and band still parading, and will proceed by car to Queen's Pier. A military guard of honour will be furnished at the Pier and after inspecting this, His Excellency will cross the harbour to the Carthage.

Calls will then be exchanged between the new C-in-C, His Excellency the Governor, and H.E. the General Officer Commanding.

Large would be given to the speculator. He at any rate is a specialist who spends much of his time in studying the latest prices and transactions. Additional information would rather decrease his hold on the customer, who has many other things to think about.

Our Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department does already provide reliable figures for anyone who wants to know about the quantities of materials coming in and going out, and their declared values, but for exchange purposes what is wanted is not merely a balance of trade but a balance of payments. It is an intricate business, but what is known to be a very good estimate is published by the Board of Trade every year for England. The task for Hong Kong would be infinitely easier, and a return of the Exchange Fund balance at the end of each month would go a long way to supply the deficiency, and would provide a useful check on the trade figures themselves.

It would also be useful to have an indication of policy as to the criterion that is to be taken as a guide. Is it the world price of gold? or of silver? or the price of the Nan-king yuan? Any of these would have its merits and its difficulties. But there is very little advantage to anyone in trying to maintain a standard of our own which wobbles now towards one of them and now towards another. We are not bound to purchase silver or gold when we do not want to, so that the regulation of our dollar is within the ultimate control of the Government itself. We can wait for any form of stabilisation that may turn out to be advantageous. But in the meantime it would be useful to know what standard of comparison to apply to tell us whether our dollar was unduly high or unduly low. And if there is a policy there would be great advantage in knowing what it is.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

A VANISHED ART

Few people realised until they visited the collection of theatrical posters which opened at the Victoria and Albert Museum recently how completely that art has vanished.

Not one of the plays now running in London is represented pictorially on the boards. Only a few years ago such an omission would have been unthinkable.

The collection has been presented by Mr. M. J. Landa, and forms a useful complement to the Gabrielle Enthoven collection of theatre programmes.

TAGS OF MELODRAMA

Some are of the rather distant past—indiscreet melodramatic posturing in garish colours to draw the public to "East Lynne," "The Lights of London," "When London Sleeps." On some are seen such quotations as "Dead, and he never called me mother!" "Go, and sin no more!" and "Take off your coat and fight me like a man!"

Of artistic as well as historical value are those of Tree as Svengali, of Sir Martin Harvey, of Wyndham in "Mrs. Dane's Defence," and of Irving.

Your Daily Smile!

Good Combination

Daughter (pleading for boy friend): "Daddy dear, Henry is a young man who believes in combining business with pleasure."
Father: "I'd rather he were a young man who combined business with profits."

Moses Had One

The preacher was reading the Scripture when an elderly lady broke in: "What kind of Bible are you using, parson?"

"The reading from the Revised Version," he answered.
"Hm!" she said. "The King James version was good enough for St. Paul and it's good enough for me."

Must Have Been Good!

Extract from a boy's letter: "We gave a performance of 'Hamlet' before we broke up for Christmas, and a lot of fathers and mothers came. Although some of them had seen it before, they laughed just the same."

A contemporary prophesies that the present interest in the Tudor period will have a startling effect on fashions. So far, however, the man in the street remains unmoved.

LAKE TSANA'S VALUE
TO NILE FLOODHOW COULD THE FLOW
BE DIVERTED?GENERALLY IMPRACTICABLE FOR
ENGINEERING REASONS

(By Maj.-Gen. A. C. Temperley)

THE question of Lake Tsana, 1904, on the Basin of the Upper Nile, by Sir William Garstin, Under-Secretary of State for Public Works, Egypt, to which is attached a Report upon Lake Tsana and the rivers of the Eastern Sudan by Mr. C. Dupuis, of the Egyptian Irrigation Service.

Small Catchment Area

Lake Tsana is situated at an altitude of 6,000 ft. and in a basin of which the mountainous sides are 1,500 ft. above the level of the lake. The catchment area is small and the only outlet from the lake is the Blue Nile (or Abbai, as it is called in Abyssinia). The flow is at its highest in January and at its lowest in May, when it practically ceases.

Great Britain, with her great interests in the Nile Valley, must also be vitally concerned in safeguarding its sources. As long ago as 1902 we made a treaty with the Emperor Menelik, in which he agreed "not to allow to be constructed any work which would arrest the flow of water into the Nile except in agreement with the Governments of Great Britain and the Sudan."

In order to insure the position still further, on December 14 and 20, 1925, we exchanged notes with the Italian Government, in which, subject to the Italians undertaking not to tamper with the water flow into the main Nile river, we promised to recognise an exclusive Italian economic influence in the west of Abyssinia.

Mountain Basin

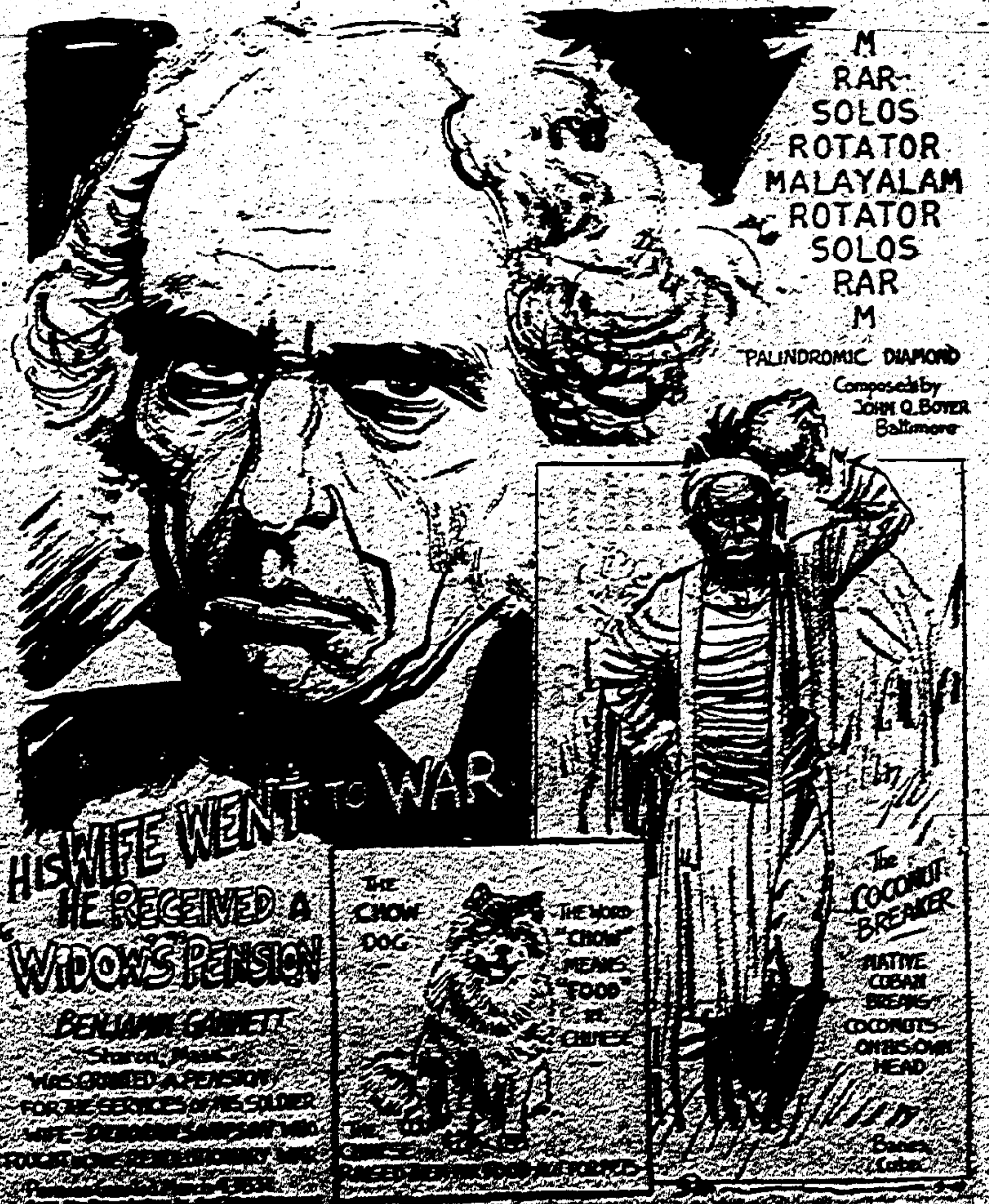
The question again arose in an acute form when it became clear that Italy intended to invade the country. It is believed that Signor Mussolini then gave certain assurances to the British Government, and there is no reason to doubt them or the undertakings of December, 1925.

It is, however, worth while to examine what exactly is the value of Lake Tsana to the Nile; what the effect of the proposed dam, which has already been projected, would be; and whether it is physically possible from an engineering point of view to divert or hold up the Nile water by any action at Lake Tsana.

The chief source of my information is the Report, dated

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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BRADFORD	v Workington
Bradford C.	v B'MOUTH
Bristol R.	v ARSENAL
Burnley	v S'FIELD U.
Clapton	v CHARLTON
Crewe	v WEDNESDAY
DARLINGTON	v Bury
DERBY	v Dartford
DONCASTER	v Notts F.
EVERTON	v Preston
FULHAM	v Brighton
Hartlepool	v Grimsby
Leicester	v Brentford
LIVERPOOL	v Swansea
M'CHESTER C.	v Portsmouth
MIDDLESBORO	v Southampton
Millwall	v STOKE

Norwich	v Chelsea
Notts C.	v Tranmere
READING	v Manchester U.
Southall	v Watford
Stockport	v Plymouth
SUNDERLAND	v Port Vale
TOTTENHAM	v Southend
Walsall	v NEWCASTLE
BROMWICH	v Hull
WEST HAM	v Luton
WOLVES	v Leeds

THIRD DIVISION (South)	
GL'INGHAM (1)	v Bristol C. (0)
N'PTON (2)	v Exeter (1)
THIRD DIVISION (North)	
A'INGTON (1)	v Halifax (1)
CHESTER (2)	v Gateshead (2)
CTERFIELD (2)	v Rotherham (1)
N. EHTON (2)	v Mansfield (1)
YORK (7)	v Carlisle (0)

London, Last Night.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
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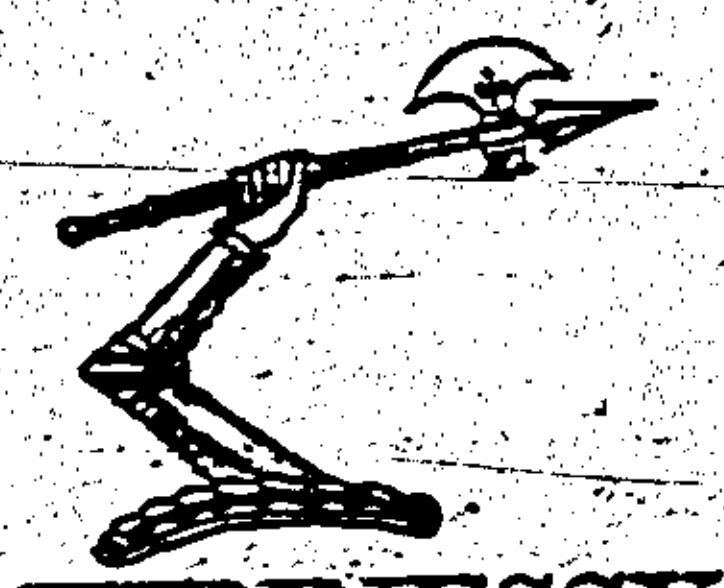
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Commerce and
Finance.LOCAL DOLLAR
STEADY

"Spot" Silver Rises
The local dollar is steady, oper-
ing on demand this morning
at 1/3%.

"Spot" silver advanced 1/16,
being quoted at 20-13/16.
The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at \$-US\$4.93%,
as compared with \$-US\$4.92%,
while the New York on London
cross-rate was quoted at \$-US-
\$4.93%, as compared with \$-US-
\$4.93%.

BERLIN SHARE
MARKETFriendly Tone In
Evidence

CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL
Berlin, To-day.
The share market was friendly
in tone yesterday on the favour-
able economic reports, for in-
stance, the satisfactory Ruhr coal
sales in December, the brisk busi-
ness in nitrates foreshadowing
vigorous preparations for next
year's food-raising campaign, and
the substantial increase in the
sales of motor vehicles in Ger-
many.

Allgemeine Elektrizitaet Ge-
sellschaft shares, after having
shown steady recovery over the
past year, advancing from 28% on
January 7, 1935, to 39% on Janu-
ary 7, 1936, underwent a smart
setback, falling 2% points on
rumours of coming capital re-
construction.

Fixed interest securities were
brighter than for several days
past, gold mortgage bonds being
in sharp demand. Call money
was at 2 to 2 1/2 per cent.—Trans-
Ocean Service.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, To-day. — Reichsmark
quotations (without guarantee)
yesterday were: New York, 40.23;
Paris, 609; Amsterdam, 59.27;
and London, 12.27. The Paris
sterling quotation was 74.84-74.88,
and the dollar, 15.175-15.175.
Trans-Ocean Service.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From
Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co.
have received the following
Straits Currency quotations from
Singapore for Raw Rubber.
Spot 23 b, Unchanged 23 1/2 s.
February/March 23 1/2 b, Un-
changed 23 1/2 s.
April/June 24 s, Unchanged
24 1/2 s.
July/September 24 1/2 b, Un-
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Market:—Steadier.

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NEW YORK STOCK
MARKETSubstantial Price
AdvancesHEAVY VOLUME OF BUSINESS
TRANSACTION

Messrs. White, Weld and Com-
pany, New York Correspondents
for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Com-
pany, report:—

Stocks: The markets to-day
were firm and prices advanced
substantially, with industrial issues
in the lead. The volume of busi-
ness transacted was heavy. We
are still bullish in our outlook and
we would 3,580,000 shares.

Wheat: The favourable world
and domestic supply situation war-
rants the long-side in old crop
wheat. We would, however, sug-
gest profit-taking on bulges and
uncertainties regarding new-crop
sugarcane side-line. Total sales:
25,070,000 bushels. Corn: 2,423,
000 bushels.

Cotton: We understand that the
Commodity Credit Corporation
will not extend the 12-cent loan
to farmers beyond the end of
July, 1936. A loan announcement
is expected sometime next week.
It is improbable that the Man-
ager of the Cotton Pool will buy
new-crop cotton against sales of
old-crop cotton to the probability
of increased acreage in the next
crop.

Rubber: Factories and dealers
were the best buyers, but specula-
tive purchases were almost neg-
ligible. We would remain bullish.
Total sales: 411 lots.

Flash: Average daily petroleum
production during the past week
is estimated at 2,803,000 barrels,
against 2,811,000 barrels the pre-
vious week.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Com-
pany has declared a dividend of
\$1.00 per share.

STERLING HOLDS ITS OWN

London, To-day.
A review of the fluctuations in
the principal currencies during
the past year in the Board of
Trade Journal shows that on
balance the £ finished substantially
unchanged in value in relation
to the six chief gold currencies
but appreciated 16.3 per cent.
in terms of lire and about 38 per
cent. against the dollar, the gold
content of which was reduced as
from April 1 last.—British Wire-
less Service.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN 1935

London, To-day.
The average of wholesale
prices in 1935, according to the
Board of Trade index, was 0.9
per cent. greater than in 1934, the
index numbers based on 1930 be-
ing 88.9 and 88.1 respectively.
The rise in 1935 followed one of
2.8 per cent. in 1934.—British
Wireless Service.

Lane, Crawfords 56% n.
Mackintosh 55 n.
Sinceres 52.10 s.
Wm. Powells 70 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.) 42 1/2 b.
Miscellaneous
Entertainments 33.40 n.
S. C. Enterprises 11.35 n.
Macao "Greyhounds" 42 n.
Constructions (old) 11.65 s.
Constructions (new) 50 cts. s.
Vibro Piling 34 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G&B—
94% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% s.
prem.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/4% Loan per. n.
Wallace Harpers 34 n.

KAILAN MINING
ADMINISTRATIONClosing Down One
CollieryINCREASED PROPORTION OF
BETTER-GRADE COAL

In order to obtain an increased
proportion of better grade coal,
the Kailan Mining Administration
has temporarily closed its colliery
at Machiakow, from which only
lower grades of coal are procur-
able, and will increase production
from its collieries at Tongshan,
Chaochowang, Linai and Tang-
chiachwang, where better grades
are available.

Workmen, previously employed
at Machiakow, will be transferred
to the other four collieries.

Recently work at each colliery
was stopped for one day each
week. After the Spring Festival
Holidays the number of working
days will be increased, and each
colliery closed down for only one
in every 14 days.

COAL DISPUTE IN
BRITAIN

(Continued from Page 1)

Miners under 18 are generally
to receive half the above in-
creases.

The miners' representatives
were to report to the full execu-
tive last night, and a further joint
meeting with the owners will be
held at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

SITUATION CRITICAL

Later: The coal situation is
critical. Following the confer-
ence with representatives of the
coal-owners, the sub-committee
of mine workers visited the Mines
Department and had an inter-
view, lasting 2 1/2 hours with the
Secretary for Mines.

They asked the Government to
provide temporary financial assist-
ance for the industry with a
view to averting a stoppage. The
Secretary for Mines reiterated
the Government's earlier refusal.

It is expected that the mine
leaders will reject the owners'
proposals to-day, on the ground
that they are neither uniform nor
national. Proposals may be made
to-day for levelling up the owners'
offers by the formation, possibly
of a central wage pool or an
ultimate general average increase
of 9d. a day.

If the negotiations break down
completely strike notices will be
handed in, to expire on January
27.—Reuter.

VARYING OFFERS

London: Representatives of the
colliery owners met representa-
tives of the Mine-workers' Federa-
tion yesterday and placed before
them offers of increases of wages
which had been formulated by the
owners in the various districts.
The men's representatives report-
ed to their Executive Committee
last evening and a further joint
meeting is to take place to-day.

The offers vary from district to
district. In about nine areas the
suggested advances are 1s. for
adults, while 9d. is offered in
three others. In three districts
advances of 6d. are proposed, and
in two others 5d. per shift per
adult worker.

The original claim put forward
by the men's union was for an in-
crease of 2s. per shift for adults
and 1s. for juveniles.—British
Wireless Service.

DIOCESE COMES OF AGE

The Archbishop of Canterbury
attended at Chesham Cathedral
recently a thanksgiving service
marking the 21st anniversary of
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POPEYE — "A Bumper Crop."

To-morrow — "The Red Man Pulls His Punch"





Italy's youth responds to the call to collect metals for war purposes and here a group of young Romans are seen piling up prize "finds" for the collection by the military authorities. Pots, pans and other kitchen utensils make up the bulk. Many are contributing gold and silver for the nation's war chest.

ITALIANS IN FULL RETREAT

(Continued from Page 1)

A Franco-Italian Anniversary

BITTER COMMENTS IN ITALIAN PRESS

Milan.—The first anniversary of the Franco-Italian treaty, concluded on the occasion of M. Laval's visit to Rome last January, calls forth bitter comments in the Italian press, the *Gazzetta del Popolo* remarking that France, who promised to co-operate extensively with Italy in the colonial domain, is now one of the 52 sanction States; while the *Corriere della Sera* evokes the memory of Versailles, where, according to the paper, the French statesmen strained every effort to prevent Italy from obtaining her share of colonial booty.

Despite all her disappointment, the *Corriere* goes on to say, Italy will nevertheless continue to adhere to her agreements with France, since she is convinced that Franco-Italian friendship is indispensable for European reconstruction.

BRITISH SHIPS IN GREECE
Athens.—Seven British destroyers arrived on Tuesday in Greek ports, the destroyers *Electra*, *Export* and *Express* and the *Exmouth* being anchored off Piræus, while the destroyers *Eclipse*, *Escape* and *Asp* are now lying in the roadstead of Pors. Three battle-cruisers, including the *Hood* and *Renown*, were expected to arrive in the course of yesterday.

The concentration of British warships in Greek waters is generally believed to be attributable to the Italian military preparations in the Dodecanese Islands. The Greek Supreme Council of Defence will meet this week, the King presiding.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

SWISS ATTITUDE UPHELD

Support Of League Sanctions

NO OTHER COURSE OPEN

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berne, To-day.—Switzerland would have committed an irreparable mistake if she had not subscribed to the League declaration that Italy, by commencing war, had violated her obligations as a member of the League, declared the President of the Council of the States on Switzerland's attitude in the sanctions question.

There had been no other course open to the Federal Council than to be loyal to the League of Nations and fulfil Switzerland's consequent obligations as a neutral State. The Federal Council is taking every step to see that this neutrality is strictly observed.

MEDITERRANEAN NAVAL PACT

Usual Manoeuvres By French Fleet

NOT CONNECTED WITH CURRENT EVENTS

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.—Referring to the sensational reports in the British press, to the effect that the proposed manoeuvres of the French Mediterranean fleet off Corsica are the first tangible result of the Franco-British mutual aid negotiations, the French Ministry of the Navy issued an official declaration last night that the fleet movements in the Mediterranean were in no way connected with current events.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

WHITEHALL STATEMENT

London.—It is stated at Whitehall that no question of policy is involved in the movements of the home fleet units, which are announced to be sailing for a spring cruise in the middle of this month. No support is given in London to the suggestion that these movements are in consequence of the recent technical conversations between the British and French Staffs on the question of mutual assistance in the hypothetical event of an attack by Italy on the British forces in the Mediterranean.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

General Staffs Confer

PARLEYS BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRITAIN

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Paris, Earlier.—French military quarters refuse to give out detailed information of the conferences between the British and French General Staffs and merely state that the recent parley constituted only a "normal exchange of views between the experts of two countries on friendly terms with each other."

A French Foreign Office spokesman, in a statement before pressmen, declared that the French and British Governments were at present investigating the possibilities for co-operation, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article XVI of the League Covenant, which provides for mutual assistance against an aggressor.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

DETAILED PROGRAMME COMING
London.—The Admiralty announced yesterday that "certain units of the home fleet comprising His Majesty's Ships *Nelson*, *Rodney*, *Furious*, and *Cairo* and the 21st Destroyer Flotilla will, in accordance with normal annual practice, undertake a spring cruise beginning about the middle of January. Simultaneously the home fleet units now at Gibraltar, comprising the *Hood*, *Ramillies*, *Orion* and *Neptune*, will return to the United Kingdom. A detailed programme will be issued shortly.—*British Wireless Service*.

BARBED WIRE ON FRONTIER

Electric Device Being Used By Egypt

TRIPOLI APPROACH GUARDED

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Alexandria, To-day.—A 200-mile fence of barbed wire 15 feet broad and over six feet high now marks in unmistakable manner the frontier between Egypt and Tripoli, according to press reports here. Machine-gun posts are distributed at intervals all along this formidable barrier, which is electrically charged also in the intervening sections.

Once a week a gate in the barbed-wire fence is opened in order to admit Italian soldiers, who are then under the sharp supervision of Egyptian sentries, to draw their week's supply of water.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENT IN ALBANIA

Tirane, To-day.—The engagement of the Princess Senji, sister of King Zogu, to Prince Mehmed Abdi, youngest son of the former Sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid, is officially announced by the Albanian Court.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

To-day's Short Story

Seated One Day At The Organ

By Walter R. Brooks

MR. WILLIAM DICKIE was a plumber who had a shop at 88 North Main Street. He had a saxophone called the Williams Wonder-Sax for which he had paid \$6.40. He had bought it because the advertisement said Play a Wonder-Sax and Be Welcome Everywhere. He did not specially want to be welcome everywhere but he did want to be welcome at the home of Mrs. Birdie Waggett whose late husband Mr. C. E. Waggett had made quite a lot of money out of baking The Bigger Loaf With the Better Flavour. Mrs. Waggett was plump and played the piano. She stopped a good deal to peer at the music or to say O how lovely but to Mr. Dickie that was just part of her charm. For he was in love with Mrs. Waggett.

Well Mr. Dickie played only jazz tunes and he played only by ear. He had got a lesson book with the Wonder-Sax but he had been able to blow himself through only the first two lessons. The sixteenth notes in Lesson 3 got him down and he never got up again. That was too bad because when he went over to Mrs. Waggett's for an evening of music the only piece they could play together was Schubert's Serenade. But they had a nice time thumping and tootling through that.

Well one evening Mrs. Waggett was very flushed and excited and she said O Mr. Dickie I have such wonderful news! My uncle in Grand Rapids died last week and left me his pipe organ and there is just room for it at the end of the parlour. Fine said Mr. Dickie. That's fine but what can you do

with a organ there ain't anybody in town can play it.

Why Mr. Dickie said Mrs. Waggett flushing I can play the piano and there is only a little difference in technique and I should hope I could master that O sure you could said Mr. Dickie but when they sat down to Schubert's Serenade he was so worried at the thought of how the organ would drown out the Wonder-Sax that he entirely lost control of his instrument which blew six false notes in a row and then died with the whooping cough.

O said Mrs. Waggett reproachfully What a pity you can't read music. Birds can't read music said Mr. Dickie but you wouldn't say they couldn't sing would you? He's going to be a bird and sing to me said Mrs. Waggett playfully. A dear little dickybird! Sure said Mr. Dickie and started to play a jazz tune but Mrs. Waggett stopped him and she said Yes it is very pretty but ask yourself Mr. Dickie is it Art? What would Schubert have thought of it or Wagner or Beethoven or Chopin? They'd have got up and danced if you ask me said Mr. Dickie and anyway they're all dead.

But their music lives said Mrs. Waggett. Yeah said Dickie, dead men's music. That Chopin wrote a funeral march didn't he and what a swell piece that is to sit through! And then Mr. Dickie apologised.

Well he was pretty sure that Mrs. Waggett would never be able to play the organ, and he was right. She had it installed in the parlour but when she tried to play it it made awful noises and there was nobody to give her lessons. So everything went along all right until Mr. Edgar Binns came to town.

This Mr. Binns was a shoe-polish salesman but what was worse he was a musician. The first Mr. Dickie knew of it was when he came up the walk one evening and heard the Wedding March being played on the organ. It made him sort of faint and he had to sit down on the steps for a minute with the Wonder-Sax beside him but he was no coward so pretty soon he got up and rang the bell.

He was introduced to Mr. Binns who was elegant and condescending and said that the saxophone was a curious instrument but amusing in its place O yes. And then he listened to Mr. Binns play while Mrs. Waggett whispered that now she was going to have lessons and that Mr. Binns had said that her hands were like Paderewski's. Mr. Dickie just said Yeh faintly to everything but when Mrs. Waggett spoke of what strong fingers Mr. Binns had although with a soft caressing touch Mr. Dickie was not sure that she meant on the keyboard and he said good-night quickly and left.

Well two days later Mrs. Waggett met Mr. Dickie on the street and told him that she was going to have a salon which she told him was a social gathering like the high French society ladies used to have and the lady who had the salon would just sit and listen on a kind of couch to the conversation of the artists and sculptors and if there were any disputes they'd come to her to settle them.

Mr. Dickie said he should hope there wouldn't anybody get into any disputes in her house. Not if they was ladies and gentlemen he said and you wouldn't ask any other kind. O said Mrs. Waggett I don't mean fights I mean arguments on artistic subjects.

Well said Mr. Dickie where are you going to get artists and sculptors in this town? Mrs. Waggett said that Mr. Binns said that there were always artistic people even in a small town if you knew how to find them. Yeah said Mr. Dickie doubtfully but will they come? They certainly will if I ask them said Mrs. Waggett getting red. O sure said Mr. Dickie quickly I'd like to see 'em stay away. I'd let 'em whistle for a plumber next time their bath-tubs got stopped up.

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WEATHER REPORT

The anticyclone over China has increased further in intensity, and has moved eastward; pressure is now highest to the north of Shanghai. North-east winds, fresh, fair, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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Seated One Day At The Organ

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Well then Mrs. Waggett told him that the salon was to be next Tuesday at eight and that Mr. Binns would play in his full dress suit. Mr. Dickie ground his teeth so hard that he loosened a filling and then he controlled himself and asked if he ought to wear a full dress suit too. O no said Mrs. Waggett not as long as you are not to perform. What! said Mr. Dickie. Well you see Mr. Dickie said Mrs. Waggett in an artistic gathering we couldn't give jazz could we? No said Mr. Dickie. Well I suppose not. And Mrs. Waggett said But of course I expect you to come.

Well all this made Mr. Dickie feel pretty low. But on Monday Mrs. Waggett sent for him to come quick and fix a pipe that had burst in her bathroom. When he got to her house Mr. Binns let him in. Mr. Binns appeared not to recognise him. Ah he said the plumber and he did not say the word plumber in a nice way. But Mr. Dickie smiled and said Ah the shoe polish salesman and he grabbed both Mr. Binns' hands and shook them warmly and then stepped him on the back. A lot of grease and dirt on his hands came off on Mr. Binns who left the room.

Mr. Dickie went up into the bath-room and pretty soon Mrs. Waggett came to the door. I am going down-town with Mr. Binns she said to pick out the cakes for the salon to-morrow night and will you shut the front door tight when you are through? O K said Mr. Dickie and went on working. Pretty soon he was through and he went down into the parlour and put a newspaper on a gilt chair and sat down on it and stared at the organ and swore. Then he got up and looked at the organ more carefully and then he stood on a chair and lifted out one or two of the smaller pipes and looked into them. And then he began to grin.

Well when Mr. Dickie arrived the next evening the salon was in full blast. Mrs. Waggett was looking Directoire on a couch and there was Miss Wilkins who painted china and Mr. Goldman of the Rialto Picture House and Mr. Waddell who wrote his own gets furnishings ads in the local paper and Mrs. Schultz whose husband played the violin and a dozen others. And there were Mr. and Mrs. Huber and their daughter who were of the haute noblesse and Mr. Dickie wondered how Mrs. Waggett had got them there. And there was Mr. Binns gracefully humming mots and epigrams about.

Pretty soon Mrs. Waggett announced that the event of the evening would be several numbers on the organ and Mr. Binns bowed and said he would play first a little thing of his own composed in honour of his hostess. And then he sat down and looked at the ceiling like Saint Cecilia and pressed the keys. And a sound like ten million cats and lions and tigers came out of the organ.

Well Mr. Binns jumped and looked at his hands and then he looked at the keys and then he turned and looked at the audience. But everybody had recovered and just looked expectant. So Mr. Binns shivered and went on.

Well of course most of the audience had heard about modern music though none of them knew anything about it and if this playing was a test of their appreciation they were going to show that they could take anything that Mr. Binns could dish out. So they clenched their teeth and took it.

But in a minute or two Mr. Binns stopped and turned around and said I am sorry but there seems to be something the matter with the organ. But everybody clapped and said No no go on and Mr. Binns turned back and started again. But the noise was worse than before.

So he got up and said Really I must ask you to excuse me there is really something wrong with the organ. It was all right yesterday said Mrs. Waggett. Well well said Mr. Dickie those pieces are pretty difficult except for a experienced player and perhaps you better play us something simpler that we all know - like *Poet and Peasant*. Mr. Binns snarled at him but the others said Yes play *Poet and Peasant*. So Mr. Binns sat down again looking kind of pale and sweaty.

But after the first three or four bars Mr. Goldman got up. Hell said that ain't *Poet and Peasant*. I guess I heard it often enough even if I ain't up on all this classical hooey. Well it is

Poet and Peasant shouted Mr. Binns. It's the organ it won't play what I want it to. Yeah said Mr. Goldman that's the same trouble I'd have with it if I was to try to play.

Well then Mrs. Waggett got up. She had seen Mrs. Huber yawn and she was pretty mad. And she said I think you're mean Mr. Binns here we've got together a group of cultured people who want to hear some nice classical music and you spoil it by trying to be funny and I don't think it's very refined humour. If it comes to that said Mr. Binns it isn't very refined to invite me to play on a trick organ.

What a strange man said Mrs. Huber. He certainly lacks polish. Who said Mr. Dickie lacks polish that's a hot one that is. Well by this time the salon was pretty well unbuttoned. Everybody was arguing with everybody else and Mr. Binns was trying to explain to Mrs. Waggett who was waving him away and beginning to cry.

And then Mr. Binns suddenly looked hard at Mr. Dickie and he said Ha I begin to see. The plumber he said. The saxophone player. Well I can play it any way said Mr. Dickie I don't sit down to entertain folks and then make a noise like a strangled cow. O said the Huber girl can you play the sax? And Mr. Dickie said Sure. Have you got it? said the Huber girl Go get it and give us something good. Sure said Mr. Dickie and went out into the hall.

Mr. Binns was out there looking for his hat and he made a pass at Mr. Dickie but Mr. Dickie pushed him aside and grabbed the Wonder-Sax and began to play Schubert's Serenade. Only he jazzed it. And pretty soon the Huber girl was at the piano vamping a crazy accompaniment and the entire salon was shoving back gilt chairs and rolling up oriental rugs and the evening was saved.

Well Mrs. Waggett was pretty grateful to Mr. Dickie for saving the evening and when everybody else had gone they sat side by side on the couch and she said Well Mr. Dickie I guess you were right and that classical music is nice but for a real good time - But she said you were pretty attentive to that Huber girl. That little spindly said Mr. Dickie Why she ain't an armful for a chipmunk. Why I guess you know what my ideal is Mrs. Waggett. curly golden hair and rosy cheeks. O said Mrs. Dickie Mrs. Waggett. But said Mr. Dickie I got to tell you the truth about that organ. What?

said Mrs. Waggett. So Mr. Dickie told her that he had changed all the pipes around the day he had fixed the water pipe so that whatever note Mr. Binns hit was bound to be wrong. But all's fair in love and war said Mr. Dickie with a passionate look.

Well Mrs. Waggett didn't seem very mad. She said she would have been sorry for Mr. Binns if he had been nice about it. Well Birdie said Mr. Dickie daringly I was afraid you would marry him. O William said Mrs. Waggett I could not have married him any way because I had made up my mind if I ever got married again to have the wedding march played on my organ. And if I had married him she said there wouldn't be anybody to play it. I could have played it on my saxophone said Mr. Dickie. You had boy said Mrs. Waggett. Birdie Dickie to be said Mr. Dickie tenderly. My Dickie-bird.

Well they were married and Mr. Binns played the wedding march for them just to prove to people that he really could play. Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Dickie played Schubert's Serenade together but not very often because the neighbours objected. But Mr. Binns came in and played the organ for them quite often and eventually all three of them got to be very good friends.

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The order in which Divisions take part will be "drawn" on the Ground.

The conditions regulating the Competition remain the same as in previous years, save that the minimum number of men representing a division must be not less than 70 per cent of the efficient strength of the division.

(A larger proportion may be entered for the Company and Stretcher Drill if considered desirable by the Divisional Officer.) Jan. 12 - (a) Company Drill. (b) Stretcher Drill - Stretchers closed and open.

Jan. 13 - (a) General Inspection - Uniform, Equipment, Haversacks. (b) Treatment of Cases and Collection of Wounded.

It should be unnecessary to repeat details, as all officers have participated in these competitions for many years past. If however there are difficulties, reference should be made to the Director of Ambulance.

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Mok Cho Chuen Trophy Arrangements for the Mok Cho Chuen Trophy will be made on the completion of the Ralph's Shield competition.

Friends, Vice-Patrons and others interested in the work of the Brigade are invited to witness the proceedings.

Divisional Surgeons should make a special effort to attend at all such functions, as they should be able to conduct such events in the future.

Annual Inspection His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., has kindly promised to conduct the Annual Inspection, the date of which will be announced later.

New Territories Work A total of 12,233 cases were treated by the New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade during the month of December. At Cheung Chau two cases of eclampsia were successfully treated, and one case of strangulation.

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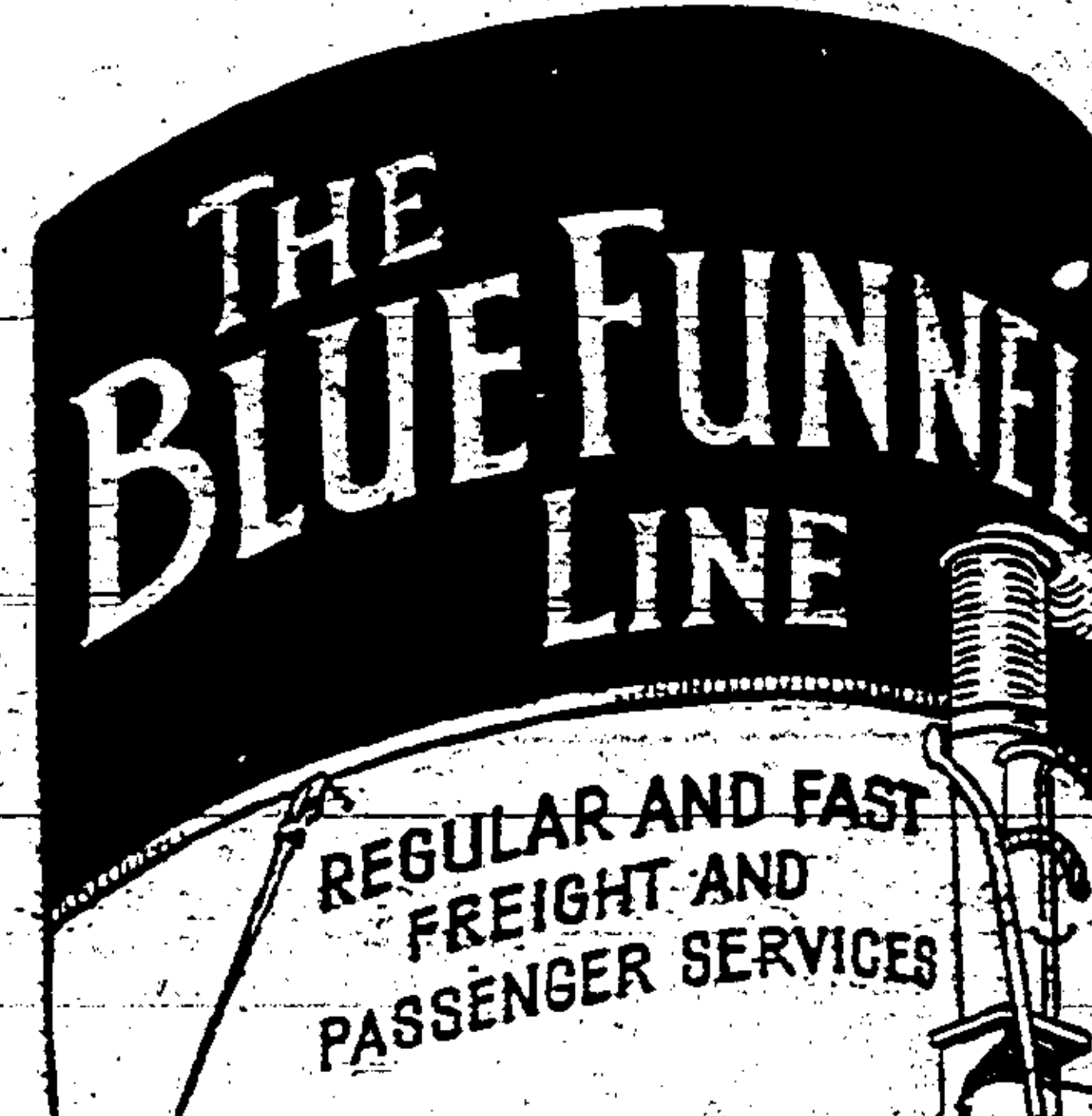
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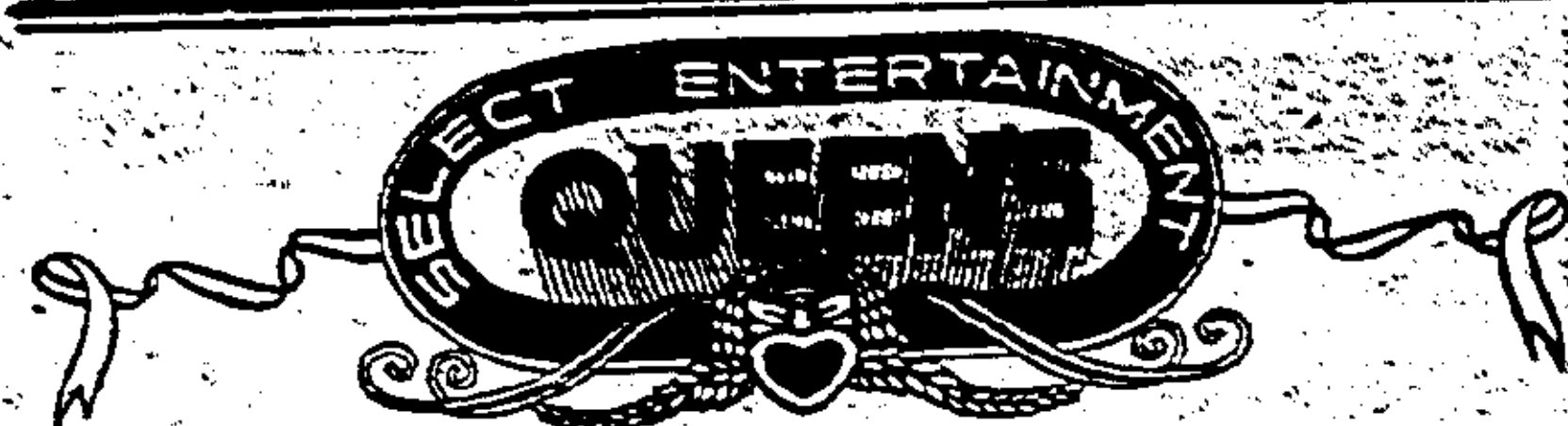
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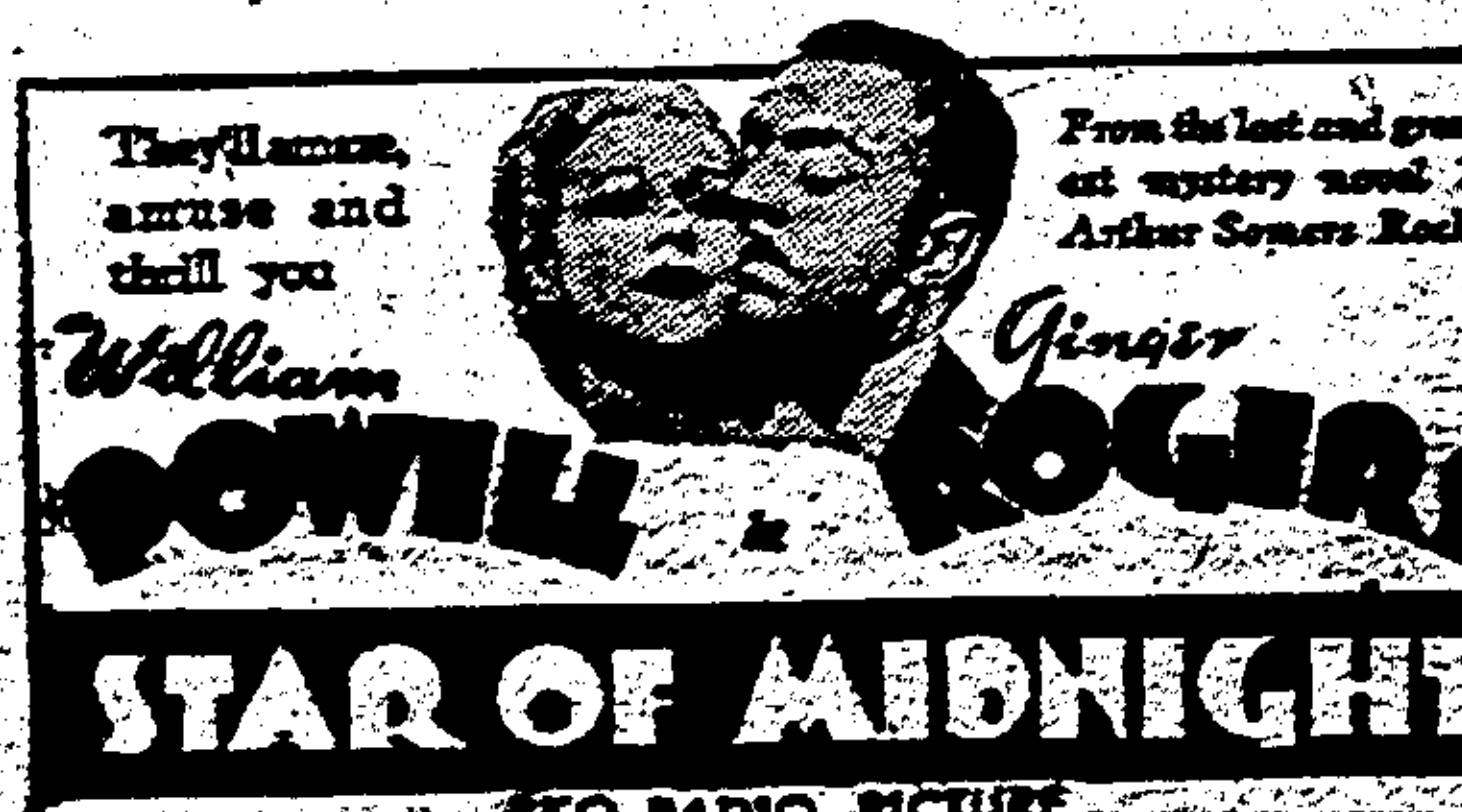
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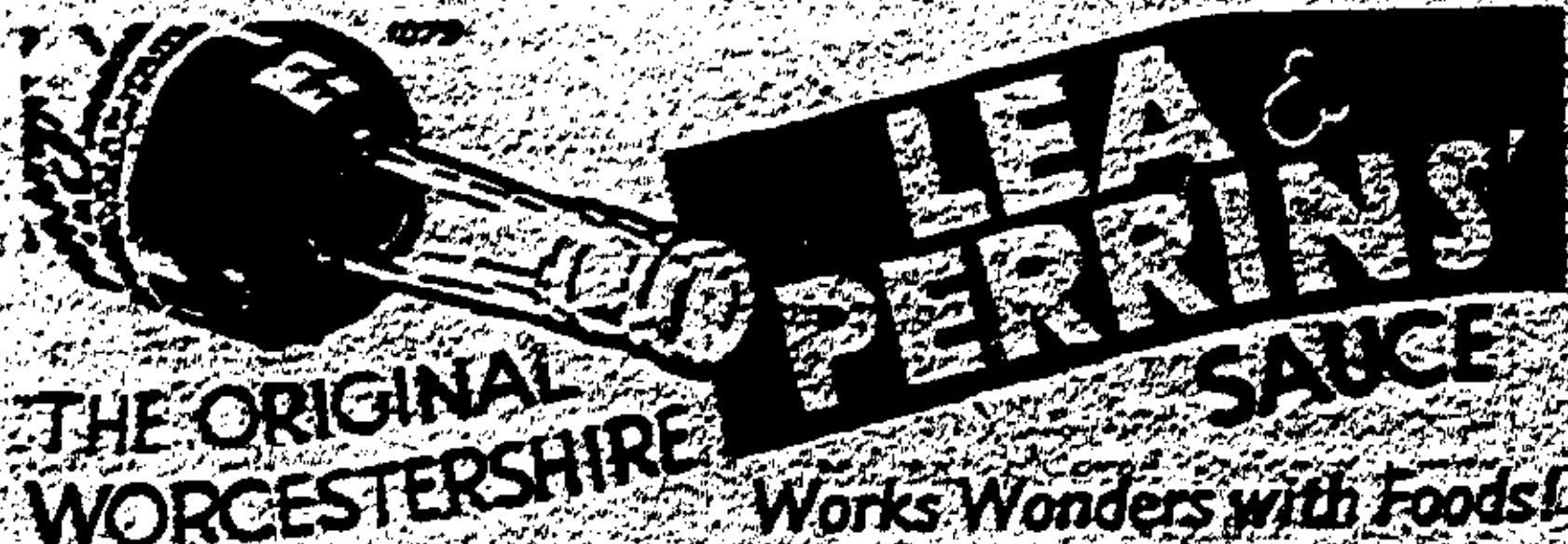
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CHATER WILL CASE

Appeal Arguments
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SECOND DAY'S HEARING

A further step in litigation over
the estate of the late Sir
Paul Chater was made in the Full
Court of Appeal this morning,
when the second day opened of
the hearing of the appeal brought
His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir
William Shenton and Mr. M. H.
Turner, against the decision of
His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir
Atholl MacGregor, in holding that
duty was payable on the estate
upon the death of Lady Chater.

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, the
Acting Chief Justice, and Mr.
Justice J. J. Hayden, the Acting
Puisne Judge, heard the case.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed
by the Hon. Sir William Shenton,
of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for
the appellants, while the respon-
dent was represented by Mr.
Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by
the Crown Solicitor, Mr. T. M.
Hazlerigg.

In opening his address to the
Court Mr. Potter confessed that
he had to agree with his learned
friend Mr. Macnamara, that there
were two points in the case, first-
ly, that there was in point of fact
a settlement but it did not matter
whether a fund had been set aside
for it or not, and secondly, the
equity maxim (the Court would
act on the maxim that equity re-
garded as done what ought to be
done).

Third Point.
Mr. Macnamara, however, had
added a third point later in his
argument by asserting that there
is an express direction in the
Will to set aside property to
satisfy the annuities. Mr. Potter
had been greatly surprised at this.

Continuing, counsel drew at-
tention to certain clauses in the
Will. Clause 5 ran: "I bequeath
the following annuities," while
Clause 8 concerned the distribu-
tion of the residuary estate. Mr.
Potter submitted that this clause
did not allow for appropriation
of a portion of the estate in satis-
faction of the annuities.

The position, Mr. Potter con-
tended, was this: In clause 5,
before the residuary estate could
be dealt with, provision must be
made for the annuities, not only
by virtue of the Will, but by
virtue of the law of the land.

The case is proceeding.

ECLIPSE OF MOON

Of Little Scientific
Importance

London, To-day.
An eclipse of the moon was
due last evening, though there
was little possibility of good
visibility in the south of England
due to the very poor weather con-
ditions. Greenwich Observatory
officials say that the eclipse was
of little importance scientifically.
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

U.S. MUNITIONS ENQUIRY FURTHER DISCLOSURES REGARDING MORGAN ACTIVITIES

Washington, To-day.
Evidence that the companies in which Mr. J. P. Morgan was
interested sold to Britain and France \$363,000,000 worth of ex-
plosives, war materials, food, clothing, medical supplies and arti-
ficial limbs before the United States entered the war was given
at the munitions enquiry at its morning session yesterday.

COUNT CIANO UNDERGOES OPERATION

Nose And Ear Trouble From
East African Campaigning

Rome, To-day.
Count Ciano, the son-in-law of
Signor Mussolini underwent an
operation at a nursing home in
Florence yesterday for nose and
ear trouble caused by active ser-
vice in East Africa. The opera-
tion was successful. Reuter.

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE

New Airship's Maiden
Voyage

FROM FRIEDRICHSHAFEN TO
RIO DE JANEIRO

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Friedrichshafen, To-day.
The original intention of the
German Zeppelin Navigation Co.
that the maiden of the voyage
new airship LZ 129 was to be to
North America, with other North
Atlantic trips to follow, has been
changed, so that the first long-
distance journey will be from
Friedrichshafen to Rio de Janeiro.

This decision is intended to
mark the appreciation felt by
Germany towards the Brazilian
Government for the interest
shown in the airship traffic and
the financial participation, which
has led to the building of an air-
ship port at Santa Cruz near Rio
de Janeiro. The new Santa Cruz
aerodrome will be formally de-
dicated to its destined purpose
when the LZ 129 arrives there.

The maiden voyage to South
America will serve as a supple-
mentary trial trip, when the crew
that has made so many voyages
in the Graf Zeppelin will compare
the behaviour of the new airship
with its predecessor the South
Atlantic route.

The LZ 129 will make its
second trip to South America,
following which probably during
May, trials trips from Friedrich-
shafen to the United States will
be made. Trans-Ocean Service.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS ADDITIONS

Use Of Variable-Pitch
Propellers

London, To-day.

The production of controllable-
pitch airscrews in Great Britain,
which dates from the acquisition
in 1924 of certain American
patents by the De Havilland
Company, is making steady pro-
gress. The manufacturers have
contracts aggregating several hun-
dreds of thousands of pounds.

Controllable-pitch airscrews will
be fitted to 29 new large flying
boats under an order for an addi-
tion to the Imperial Airways
commercial fleet. The variable-
pitch propeller increases opera-
tional speeds and eases the loads
imposed on the engine. British
Wireless Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

H.E. the Governor, Sir Andrew
Caldecott, will distribute the
scholarships and prizes at
Queen's College on Friday, Janu-
ary 17, at 11 a.m.

The dedication of the new Chin-
ese Methodist Church at Hennessy
Road, Wanchai, is to take place
next Saturday, January 11, com-
mencing at 2.30 p.m.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. Julian Giffening,
accountant, residing at 67 Kim-
berly Road, Kowloon, and Miss
Eva Bockler, of the same address.

The following unclaimed tele-
grams are lying at the local offices
of the Great Northern Telegraph
Co. Ltd., Elfrado, from Kobe:
Cheong Brothers Co., 10 Queen's
Road, from Shanghai; and 1016,
from Hakodate.

Washington, To-day.

It was also revealed that the
Morgan partners warned Brit-
tain against cancelling \$55,000,
000 worth of orders for rifles, on
the ground that it would shake
the morale of the American
rifle-making companies. The
Morgans also contracted to pur-
chase \$194,000,000 worth of
rifles intended for the British
and Russians in 1915.

The committee held in reserve a
cable from the Morgans authoris-
ing their London branch to con-
vey to the British authorities in-
formation relating to the third
Lusitania note to Germany.

The cable was despatched six
weeks before the message
sent by the United States and
said that it had been learned
from confidential sources that the
President's reply to Germany un-
equivocally demanded that Ger-
many must first meet the moral
issue, that some members of the
Cabinet were said to regard the
matter as most serious, and that
the note would put the matter
squarely to Germany, leaving the
United States no alternative. Reuter.

ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY

Householders Gagged
And Bound

PREMISES RANSACKED
IN KOWLOON

An armed robbery took place at
8.40 this morning, when four men
armed with knives entered the
first floor of No. 185 Lai Chi-kok
Road and after binding and gag-
ging the inmates, ransacked the
premises and decamped with
money and jewellery to the value
of \$257.

In a report to the Police Wong
Chi, aged 30 years, a widow, stated
that she lived in the centre
cubicle and at that time heard
someone knocking and asking for
"Sap-Suk." On asking she was
told that there was a letter and
some food for one of the tenants.

On opening the door, she saw
three men on the landing and
being alarmed, endeavoured to close
the door, but they forced their
way in and cut her on both hands.
They then proceeded to tie her
up and pushed her into a cubicle,
where the three other occupants
had already been gagged and tied
up by a fourth man who had come
in while she was struggling with
the others. The robbers remained
on the premises for about 45
minutes.

Two knives were picked up from
the floor by the Police.

BEAUTY SPOT OF BRITAIN

Gift Of Extra Land
At Dovedale

London, To-day.
The property owned and pro-
tected by the National Trust in
Dovedale, the famous beauty spot,
from the hills surrounding which
unrivalled views of Derbyshire
and North Staffordshire are ob-
tained, has recently been extended
by the addition of about 100 acres
comprising "The Iron Tons" and
"The Nabbs," two limestone pro-
montories close to the River Dove.

This gift to the National Trust
has been made in commemoration
of H.M. the King's Silver Jubilee.
British Wireless Service.

CIVIL SERVANTS IN GREECE

Conditions Governing
Reinstatement

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.
The Government's decision to
reinstatement civil officials discharged
for complicity in the abortive
March republican insurrection was
approved by King George yester-
day, but the Premier, M. De-
mestris, emphasised that a merit-
orious record of service will be an
essential condition of re-employ-
ment. Trans-Ocean Service.

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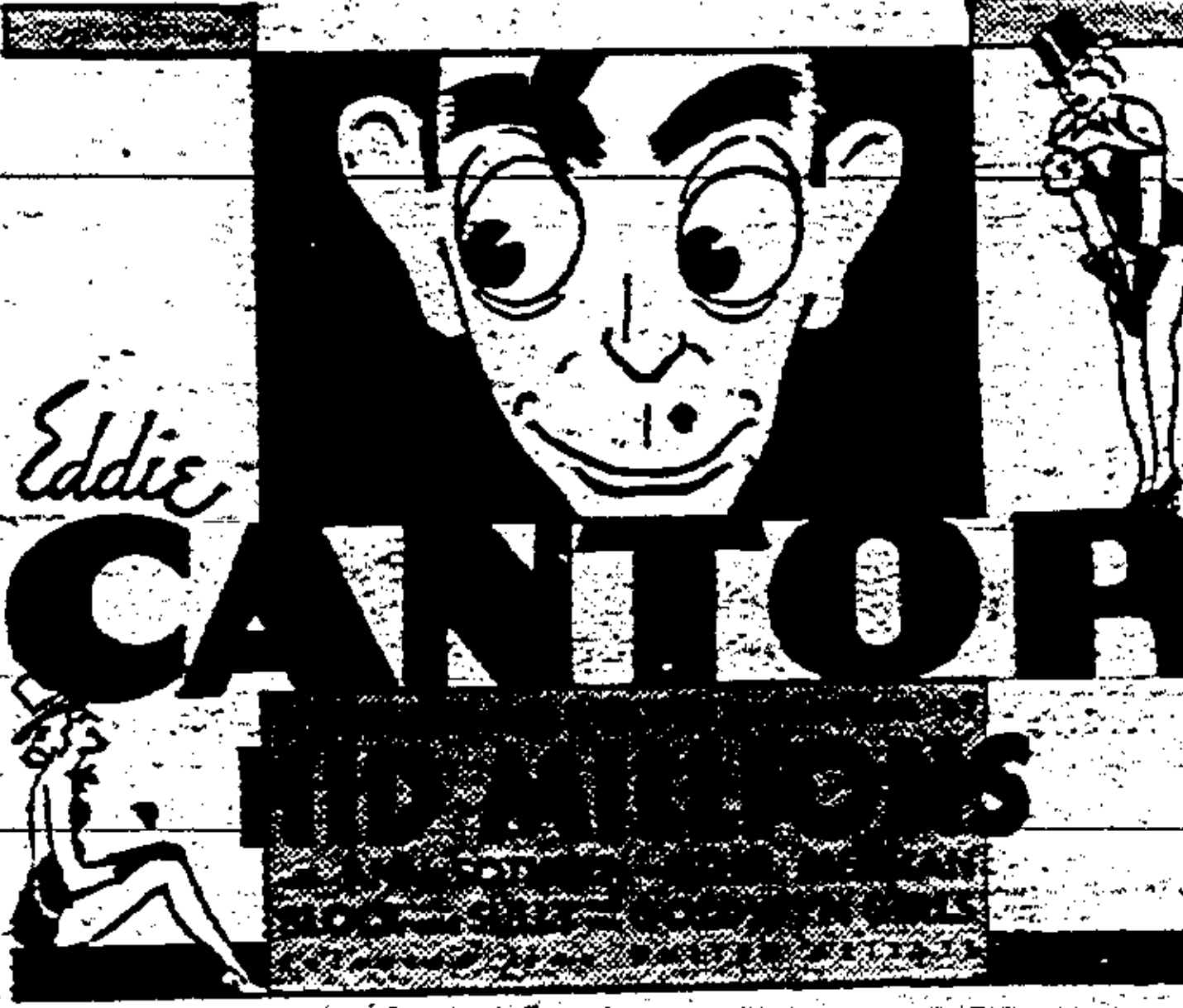
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